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HOBBS BATS ON A BAD WICKET

MAKES 58 NOT OUT

ENGLAND LOSES TWO MORE MEN FOR 93 RUNS

LARWOOD DISMISSED EARLY

England has added 93 runs but lost two wickets, one very valuable and the other belonging to the "tail."

When the lunch interval was taken to-day, the sixth day of the Fifth Test Match at Melbourne, England's 2nd innings score was 111 runs for 3 wickets down. With seven more men to be disposed of, therefore, England is 139 runs ahead.

Conditions to-day carry particular importance to cricket enthusiasts. Reuter says:—

"The weather was cloudy. The wicket was fast. The pitch was difficult and the ball nipping up."

This was when play had resumed in the morning. England's batsmen will find it hard to get runs but there is more than a possibility of Australia finding it harder still.

Quicker Scoring

Only 4,000 spectators saw the resumption of the Fifth marathon Test. The score was 18 runs for one wicket (Hobbs 3, Larwood 11, both not out).

After Hobbs had obtained a single, Larwood was dismissed, the Australians thereby drawing first blood. The total was then 19 for 2.

Hammond went in next. He and Hobbs got going and, with a snick from Wall, Hobbs sent the 50 up when the innings had lasted only 50 minutes, the rate of scoring having been faster in the two preceding innings.

Evidently Hobbs and Hammond did not want to waste any time with the pitch becoming difficult.

When the total reached 67 for 2 Hobbs had 36 and Hammond 14.

Hammond Gives Easy Catch

The Australians were not to be denied, however. Hammond, in trying to cut a raising ball from Fairfax on the off, gave an easy catch to Ryder, the Australian skipper, at second slip. Hammond only made 16. The total was then 75 runs for 3 wickets and Hobb's contribution at that stage was 42. The 3rd wicket partnership realised 56 runs. Two wickets had fallen in the morning for 57 runs.

Tyldesley then partnered Hobbs and they stayed together for the remainder of the 90 minutes' play before lunch.

With a four off Grimmett, Hobbs reached his 50 in 86 minutes.

Then his wicket was thrown down twice in attempting sharp singles—for which he is famous. He had narrow escapes but he was just in!

The score increased steadily and the 100 up was announced when the innings had lasted 94 minutes.

Hobbs had 58 and Tyldesley 17 when the interval came.

ENGLAND—1ST INNINGS

J. B. Hobbs, l.b.w., b Ryder	142
D. R. Jardine, c Oldfield, b Wall	19
W. R. Hammond, c Fairfax, b Wall	38
E. Tyldesley, c Hornibrook, b Ryder	31
G. Duckworth, c Fairfax, b Hornibrook	12
E. Hendren, c Hornibrook, b Fairfax	95
M. Leyland, c Fairfax, b Oxenham	137
H. Larwood, b Wall	4
G. Geary, b Hornibrook	4
M. W. Tate, c substitute, b Hornibrook	15
J. C. White, not out	9
Extras	13
Total	519

Fall of wickets: 1 for 64 runs (Jardine), 2 for 146 (Hammond), 3 for 235 (Hobbs), 4 for 240 (Tyldesley), 5 for 260 (Duckworth), 6 for 401 (Hendren), 7 for 408 (Larwood), 8 for 428 (Geary), 9 for 470 (Tate), 10 for 519 (Leyland).

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wall	49	8	123	3
Hornibrook	43	8	142	3
Oxenham	45.1	15	86	1
Grimmett	25	11	40	0
Fairfax	27	4	84	1
Ryder	18	5	29	2
Kippax	3	1	2	0

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

AUSTRALIA—1ST INNINGS

W. M. Woodfull, c Geary, b Larwood	102
A. Jackson, run out	30
A. F. Kippax, c Duckworth, b White	38
J. S. Ryder, c Tate, b Hammond	30
D. Bradman, c Tate, b Geary	123
A Fairfax, l.b.w., b Geary	65
R. M. Oxenham, c Duckworth, b Geary	7
W. A. Oldfield, c & b Geary	6
C. V. Grimmett, not out	38
T. Wall, c Duckworth, b Geary	9
P. M. Hornibrook, l.b.w., b White	26
Extras	17
Total	491

Fall of wickets:—1 for 54 runs (Jackson), 2 for 143 (Kippax), 3 for 203 (Ryder), 4 for 203 (Woodfull), 5 for 386 (Bradman), 6 for 399 (Fairfax), 7 for 409 (Oldfield), 8 for 420 (Oxenham), 9 for 432 (Wall), 10 for 491 (Hornibrook).

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Larwood	34	7	83	1
Tate	62	26	108	0
Geary	81	36	105	5
White	75	22	136	2
Hammond	16	3	31	1
Leyland	3	0	11	0

ENGLAND—2ND INNINGS

J. B. Hobbs, not out	3
D. R. Jardine, c Oldfield, b Wall	0
H. Larwood, not out	11
Extras	4
Total (for 1 wkt.)	18

Fall of wickets:—1 for 1 run (Jardine).

ENGLAND—2ND INNINGS

J. B. Hobbs, not out	58
D. R. Jardine, c Oldfield, b Wall	0
H. Larwood, b Wall	11
W. R. Hammond, c Ryder, b Fairfax	16
E. Tyldesley, not out	17
Extras	9
Total (for 8 wkts.)	111

Fall of wickets:—1 for 1 run (Jardine), 2 for 19 (Larwood), 3 for 75 (Hammond).

MR. H. PERCY SMITH

LEFT ESTATE OF $31,500 IN THE COLONY

£100 TO A FRIEND HERE

Mr. Horace Percy Smith, chartered accountant, who until his retirement, was senior partner of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, Incorporated Accountants, has left $31,492.37 in Hong Kong.

He died on July 12, 1928 at No. 10, Marine-terrace, Barmouth, Merioneth, leaving his widow, Mrs. Ada Mary Smith, two sons, Captain H. K. Percy Smith of the 10/14th Punjab Regiment, Ferozepore, India, and Mr. J. C. Percy Smith of London, and a daughter, Miss V. K. Percy Smith of London.

Three executors were appointed under a will dated June 4, 1927, namely, the second son, Capt. H. K. Percy Smith, Mr. W. George (a solicitor of Criccieth) and Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton (a solicitor in Hong Kong). Mr. George has renounced probate.

Most of the bequests are to members of the family but there is one of £100 to "my friend," Mr. Joseph Young, of St. Joseph's-building, ground floor, "B" block.

Collection of Curios

The bulk of the estate goes to Captain Percy Smith. An extract from the will reads:—"I declare it to be my earnest wish that my said son (Capt. H. K. Percy Smith) shall keep and preserve my collection of blackwood, porcelain and other curiosities which I have collected at considerable trouble and expense, but should my said collection have to be sold, then in that event, it is my wish that the same be sold in London."

The will was witnessed by Mr. George (the executor who renounced probate) and Leung Foo, who is believed to have been Mr. H. Percy Smith's Chinese "boy" who accompanied his master Home.

Probate has now been granted by the Supreme Court, Hong Kong, to Mr. Hall Brutton for the local estate. Estate in Great Britain is valued at £2,112-14-1.

MARSHAL FOCH

CONDITION NOW CAUSING "SOME ANXIETY"

Paris, Yesterday.

Marshal Foch is worse and his condition is causing some anxiety. —Reuter.

VALUABLES FOUND IN HOTEL RUINS

AND A FEW LETTERS

ONE OF INJURED DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL

CONTRACTORS NOW AT WORK

A box of valuable jewellery was unearthed by the Sanitary Department in the King Edward Hotel yesterday as a sequel to the tragic fire on Monday morning. It was believed to belong to General Chan Ming-shu, chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, and was handed to one of his staff by the Police.

Very little or no money has been found during the excavation and the quantity of jewellery, etc. is small.

In the post box formerly in the hotel lobby, a number of letters were brought out, obviously posted before clearance. They were all soiled by water. These are now in Police custody.

The work of the Sanitary Department, namely, that of turning over the debris in the search for bodies, has been completed. In official circles it is thought that there are no more corpses, making the casualty roll ten dead and five injured.

Coroner's Inspection

The Building Authority's contractors are now at work, clearing out the piles of fallen masonry, etc., starting from that part of the ground where the foot of the main staircase used to be.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, First Magistrate and Coroner, was observed to go into the interior of the building for inspection, prior to the commencement of the inquest to-morrow afternoon on Mr. William Woods.

Ng Ka-yin, the young cook of the hotel, who was one of the five injured persons undergoing treatment in the Government Civil Hospital, has been discharged, leaving General and Mrs. Chan Ming-shu, Yeoman Andrew Picciott, U.S.N., and To Chat, a room "boy," who are as comfortable as expected and have shown improvement.

Mr. Enos Seth

The body of Mr. Enos Seth, having been recovered from the ruins, was identified yesterday. His room "boy" recognised a bit of the pyjamas Mr. Seth was wearing on the night of March 10-11 and also the black cloth lining of his overcoat.

Intimation was received yesterday evening that the funeral will be held to-day, passing the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

Mr Enos Seth was a cousin of Mr. J. Hennessey Seth (of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming) and of Mr. Harold Seth (the passage broker). For about 15 years he was with Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son, Hong Kong. In 1916 he left Hong Kong and went into business in London, in the interests of which he returned here recently.

MR. CHEN MING-CHU

Expression of Thanks For Sympathy

The following has been received by the "China Mail" with a request for publication:—

"The Chairman of the Government Council of Canton Province, Mr. Chen Ming-chu, wishes to convey herewith publicly to His Excellency the Governor of Hong Kong, to the Consular officials and to the public of Hong Kong his gratitude for the sympathy which has been manifested towards him and his friends by foreign as well as Chinese residents on the occasion of his recent accident.

"He is pleased to express on this occasion his earnest hope that the spirit of mutual assistance and of co-operation which has become visible in the general attempt to alleviate the suffering caused by the fire at the King Edward Hotel, will establish itself eminently as a driving force for future healthy collaboration between Occident and Orient, also in the daily life of New China."

A GREAT JUDGE

DEATH OF LORD PHILLIMORE

London, Yesterday.

The death is announced of Lord Phillimore.—Reuter.

[Deceased, who was the 1st Baron Phillimore, was a great authority on international law. He was born in London in 1845, was a judge of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice from 1897 to 1918 and Lord Justice of Appeal, 1918-16. He was the author of a number of standard works on legal subjects.]

CREW TAKEN OFF

STAYED ON ROCK WITHOUT ANY FOOD

THE N. D. L. S.S. "GIESSEN"

Shanghai, To-day.

The salvage tug "Saucy" has wirelessed that the N. D. L. s.s. "Giessen" is submerged fore and aft.

To salvage the cargo is impossible.

Forty-nine of the crew are still on Button Rock without food. Heavy weather prevents their being taken off.

Later.

The "Saucy" wirelessed that she has taken off the "Giessen's" crew and that she is bringing them into Shanghai.—Reuter.

[An earlier report of the wrecking appears on page 4.]

OVERCAST

To-day's weather report issued by the Royal Observatory stated:—

The anti-cyclone is now central near Shanghai. A deep depression is central over N.E. Japan. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

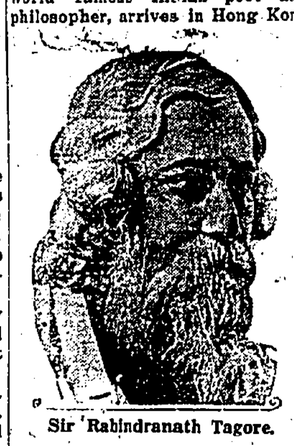
Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; overcast at first, improving later.

DUE TO-MORROW

SIR RABINDRANATH TAGORE, THE POET

SECOND VISIT TO HONG KONG

Sir Rabindranath Tagore, the world famous Indian poet and philosopher, arrives in Hong Kong



Sir Rabindranath Tagore.

to-morrow on the s.s. "Naldera". He will stay as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ruttonjee for a few days and then go on to Canada and the United States of America. It is not yet known whether he will be prevailed upon to speak in public this time but, when he honoured Hong Kong with a visit four years ago, he delivered several lectures.

On the last occasion he was here, Sir Rabindranath Tagore was on a tour of China and Japan. An appreciation of him written at the time will appear in to-morrow's "China Mail."

The grandson of Prince Dwarkanath Tagore, the poet was educated privately and lived at Calcutta at first. The degree of Doctor of Literature was conferred on him by Calcutta University and he was knighted in 1915. In 1913 he was awarded the Nobel Literature Prize. He has a large number of works in English.

CHARTERED BANK

HALF-YEARLY DIVIDEND—14 PER CENT.

The following telegram was received to-day by the local branch of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, from its Head Office in London:—

"At the approaching meeting of shareholders, Directors will recommend dividend for past half year at the rate of 14 per cent. per annum free of Income Tax and a bonus of 6s. 3d. per share free of Income Tax;

£40,000 set aside to meet contingencies.

£186,656 3s. 9d. carried forward."

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 15/16.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH VISITS GRANDPA

AT CRAIGWEIL

GRAND-DAUGHTER PRESENT DURING PARENTS' ABSENCE

ANOTHER GOOD DAY

London, Yesterday.

The King passed a good day. The weather was rainy, dull and cold throughout the day, and it was impossible to take the King into the grounds of Craigweil House. His Majesty spent the day sitting in his rooms.

Princess Elizabeth, who arrived at Craigweil House this evening, to spend a few days with the Queen while her parents, the Duke and Duchess of York, are in Norway, was taken to see her grandfather soon after her arrival.

First Photograph

An encouraging indication of the King's progress is the publication in to-day's Press of the first photograph of the King taken since his illness. It shows him out of doors in a Bath chair with smiling expression and obviously on the way to recovery.—British Wireless Service.

MEXICAN BANDITS

AMERICAN AND BRITON STILL HELD TO RANSOM

STATEMENT IN COMMONS

London, Yesterday.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that the British Minister at Mexico City had reported that Mr. John Reid, a British subject, together with an American citizen had been kidnapped by brigands and was being held to ransom. Both men were employed by the San Nicolas mining and milling company in the city of Durango. The British Minister and the United States ambassador were in communication on the subject with the Mexican Government and the British vice-Consul at Durango had been instructed to co-operate with his United States colleague in an endeavour to secure the release of the captured men.—British Wireless Service.

HAGUE COURT

WHAT THE COMMITTEE OF JURISTS HAVE DECIDED

IMPORTANT CHANGES

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Committee of Jurists who are considering the statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice, have decided to fix the number of judges at fifteen and abolish four deputies.

The judges will be entitled to a six months' vacation annually, and if a judge's home is over five days from The Hague he will, in addition have six months" leave every three years. A more expeditious election of judges has been arranged.—Reuter.

AN EXPLOSION

ITS SEQUEL EXPLAINED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

"TRITONIA'S" EXPERIENCE

London, Yesterday.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, announced in the House of Commons that, following representations which he had made to the Colombian Government, the captain, officers and crew of the British steamer "Tritonia," who were detained by the Colombian authorities for the purpose of inquiry into the cause of and the responsibility for an explosion on that vessel, had been allowed to leave Buenaventura.—British Wireless Service.

NO AGREEMENT

STATEMENT BY SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN

"NOT SINCE 1918"

London, Yesterday.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, repiying to a question in the House of Commons, said the Government had made no agreement with any foreign country since 1918 for mutual defence or for other purposes of which Parliament had not been advised or which had not been deposited with the League Nations.—British Wireless Service.

ROPE CO. MEETING

TRIBUTE TO EX-DIRECTOR, MR. H. P. WHITE

DIVIDEND AGAIN SOON?

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. was held to-day at St. George's-building in the office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., the general managers.

The attendance was as follows:—Mr. R. G. Shewan (chairman), Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., Com. Leg. Hon., Mr. J. H. Taggart (directors), Mr. J. Coulthart (Secretary) and Messrs. Kelly Sayce, Allan Keith, F. M. Ellis, A. A. Botelho, H. Dreyer, M. A. Figueiredo, J. Toppin, F. J. Tavares, J. Dick, and W. G. Lawson (shareholders).

The chairman said:—Before we commence the ordinary business of the meeting, it is fitting that I should refer to the loss which we have suffered through the death of our friend and colleague, Mr. H. P. White, who served on this Board for many years. He was a man of fine disposition, straightforward, upright and generous—a man whose "yea" was "yea" and whose "nay" was "nay" and who would always give his opinion without fear of anybody. This room, which has known him for so many years, will not know him any longer. We here will cherish his memory and his memory, I am sure, will be treasured outside by many others to whom he was a friend in need and a friend indeed.

Comparison of Accounts

The secretary then read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors. The chairman then delivered his address as follows:—

As you will see from the accounts (for 1928), the balance at credit of Profit & Loss Account, after making provision for depreciation on buildings, plant & machinery, is $104,050.17.

A comparison of the 1927 and 1928 accounts show that the balance at credit of Working Account is slightly better.

Rent collected during the year under review is less by $35,185.83 but this is compensated for to a certain extent by a reduction of $20,968.99 in interest.

Overdraft Reduced

Our overdraft at bankers was also reduced during the year by $347,155.39, most of which was received from shareholders in payment of the final Call, and stands to-day at under $50,000.

The accounts placed before you show that the company is in a sound position and at the present rate of progress should soon be once more on a dividend paying basis.

The monthly average of flats unoccupied at Kennedy Town during the first six months of the year was ten and during the second six months only four. The rents obtained, although still much under what we ultimately hope to get, are improving.

The premises at Ma-tau-kok were vacated by the Military Authorities in April and stood vacant until December. The Royal Air Force now occupy part of the premises at a fair proportion of the rent formerly received.

Normal Start

The actual quantity of rope sold is still considerably under what we would like to see but, considering the restricted demand and the very keen and increasing competition which we have to meet, we are not altogether dissatisfied with the turnover.

As for the future, we can only say that we have started the year in a normal way and are getting a fair share of the business offering.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts for the year ended Dec. 31, 1928 as presented at this meeting be adopted and passed —that $2,823.49 be transferred to credit of Typhoon and Flood Account and $101,726.68 be carried forward to credit of next year's account.

When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer questions from shareholders.

Mr. J. H. Taggart seconded. No question was asked and the chairman's motion was carried unanimously.

Other Business

Other business transacted by the meeting comprised:—

Re-election of the retiring directors, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Elly Kadoorie—proposed by Mr. Allan Keith, seconded by Mr. H. Dreyer.

Re-election of the retiring auditors, Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, at a fee of $360 each per annum—proposed by Mr. M. A. Figueiredo, seconded by Mr. J. Dick.

HURLED TO DEATH AT DAYTONA

BIBLE KILLED

SEGRAVE'S RIVAL MEETS WITH TRAGIC END

CINE. MAN ALSO KILLED

Daytona Beach, Florida, Yesterday.

Lee Bible, piloting the American triplex car belonging to Mr. White, crashed on the sand dunes when travelling at 202 miles an hour.

The pilot was killed.

The car hit a cinematograph operator who was also killed.

Later.

The Accident

The triplex thirty-six cylinder was completely wrecked.

The machine spun round at the end of the measured mile course and plunged into the sand dunes with a terrific impact.

Bible apparently ran near the water in attempting to correct the steering gear. He swung the wheel but was unable to get back to the proper course.

There were indescribable scenes of panic among the spectators, as cars and ambulances rushed to the spot.

Major Segrave, after the accident, announced that he would not attempt to beat his own record.—Reuter's American Service.

Segrave Interviewed

London, March 12.

Major H. O. D. Segrave, the British racing motorist, who recaptured the world's land speed record for Great Britain, by flying along the sands at Daytona Beach at 231.3 miles an hour, has been interviewed over the Trans-Atlantic telephone by most British newspapers.

He told them that his achievement was a really grim experience and a terrific strain. The greater strain, however, was on his wife, who was present, and naturally was most anxious.

If his record is not beaten by the machine of Mr. White, the American motorist, he will make no further record-breaking attempt, but if Mr. White's machine succeeds he will go out again. He believes, that in ideal conditions his Golden Arrow will win the contest.

Major Segrave is watching this evening the attempt of Mr. White's machine which will be driven by one of three drivers whichever Mr. White may select. Last year he chose Mr. Ray Keech who handled the car splendidly.

Major Segrave points out that the White Special machine is superficially the same as that with which he beat the record and put up 207.55 miles an hour last year. He has three five-hundred horsepower motors one of which is new. Last year, he had practically no body at all covering or streamlining the machine but this time he has built quite a good and well-designed body around the chassis.

The American challenger has until March 15 to break the record and if he does not succeed by then he will have to wait until next year. Major Segrave has received hundreds of congratulatory messages on his feat from all parts of the world.—British Wireless Service.

Cup and Annuity

On his return to England, Major Segrave will be presented with the £1,000 gold cup given by Sir Charles Wakefield for the world's fastest land speed. He will be the first winner of the cup, which he will hold until his record is exceeded when he will be presented with a replica. During the period he retains the record he will also receive from Sir Charles Wakefield the sum of £1,000 a year.—British Wireless Service.

ROYAL WEDDING

NORWAY'S CROWN PRINCE & SWEDISH PRINCESS

DUKE AS "BEST MAN"

London, Yesterday.

The Duke and Duchess of York are travelling to Norway to-morrow to attend at Oslo, the marriage of Crown-Prince Olaf and Princess Martha of Sweden on March 21. The Duke will be "best man."—Reuter.

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Honolulu	Soerabaya
Kai Yuen	Sydney
Karachi	Tientsin
Kobe	Tokyo
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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

SHANGHAI SHARE

EASIER TENDENCY IN RUBBER SHARES

LANDS AND WHARVES

Reviewing the Shanghai share market for the week ending March 2, Messrs. A. W. Reynell & Co. write:—

Rubber

Minor fluctuations took place in the price of the raw material during the week, but the closing price shows a fractional improvement on the previous week. London stocks increased 248 tons and now stand at 25,005 tons. The forecast for the current week is 750 tons up.

	Feb. 23	March 2
London	1s. 0¾d.	1s. 0⅞d.
New York	Holiday	25⅞
Singapore	43	45

The rubber share market appears to be rather more sensitive and to be governed by the variations in the price of the commodity. The market was firm in the middle of the week, but quotations were marked down at the close, without, however, much scrip coming out.

Industrial and Shipping

Cotton.—This market was practically neglected, with quotations unchanged. Buyers appear to be inclined to hold off with a view to obtaining shares at lower levels. Ewos close at Tls.13.90; Shanghai Cottons Tls.67.50; Zoong Sings at Tls.9.25, all prices being nominal.

Dealings in local first class industrial stocks have been very heavy, with a sharp rise in Docks and Lands as an outstanding feature. The persistent demand for Docks has sent the price up to Tls.114 buyers for cash and Tls. 118 June. The very fine balance sheet presented by the Shanghai Land Investment Co. has been reflected in the market and there are strong buyers at Tls.170 cash. The Shanghai Waterworks Co. advertise a new issue of "C" (£) shares at par, to bear interest at 8 per cent., but these shares do not appear to be as attractive as the "A" shares at the current market price of Tls.202.50, which yield approximately 8½ per cent. Trams close slightly firmer at Tls.22.50 March, after many shares changed hands at prices varying from Tls.22.25 to Tls.22.70 March. Shanghai Wharves have been in good demand and close at Tls.170 buyers.

Greyhounds

The demand for G.R.A.'s Ordinary and Founders is fully maintained and prices steadily improved during the week, closing at $19.75 and $77.50 cash and buyers, respectively. Dealing in S.I.G.'s has been rather more limited, with erratic fluctuations, the closing prices being approximately $14.50 cash and $15.25 June. Champ de Courses (cum founders) close considerably easier at $250, after heavy buying had driven the price up to $267.50 cash and $280 June.

Debentures

This market has ruled very quiet, with only a small business passing at current quotations.

IRON AND STEEL

EXPORTS IMPROVING IN GREAT BRITAIN

STIMULATING COAL INDUSTRY

London, Yesterday.

One feature of the February trade returns is the substantial increase in iron and steel manufactures while their export was up by £500,000.

Four of the great South Wales' steel works have reopened and there are hopes of normal conditions being restored within a few months. This would have the effect of further stimulating the coal industry.—British Wireless Service.

SHANGHAI GAS CO.

FINAL DIVIDEND OF TLS.2 PER SHARE

8 PER CENT FOR YEAR

At a meeting of the directors of the Shanghai Gas Co., Ltd., it was decided to recommend (subject to audit) at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of Shareholders the payment of a final dividend for 1928 of Tls.2 per share, being at the rate of 4 per cent. on the paid up capital, making 8 per cent. for the year and that Tls.153,897.08 be written off for depreciation of plant, buildings, etc., Tls.30,000.00 be placed to renewals and depreciation account, Tls.13,310.28 be placed to land and buildings reserve account and that Tls.31,935.18 be carried forward to new account.

SHANGHAI WATER

DIVIDENDS ANNOUNCED BY DIRECTORS

We are informed (says the "N. C. Daily News") that it is the intention of the directors of the Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited at the general meeting to be held on the 26th instant to recommend a final dividend on Intra-agreement consumers' Account of 7.1/5 per cent. on "A" shares and 4⅘ per cent. on "B" shares and a dividend on Extra-agreement and shipping consumers' account of 6/3 per "A" share and 3⅘d. per "B" share for the year 1928. The dividends will be payable to shareholders registered in the books of the Shanghai Office at exchange 2/6⅝ per tael.

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TRADE IN 1928

REPORT OF CHAMBER COMMITTEE

The Committee of the General Chamber of Commerce has pleasure in presenting a record of the principal activities of the Chamber during the year 1928 which states in part:—

The year was remarkable in China for the progress made towards the attainment of settled government of the country, and it is the hope of all foreigners whose interests are bound up with those of China that the advances made may prove to be of a permanent and progressive character.

Improved trade has scarcely followed the more peaceful conditions to the extent which was expected a year ago: this is probably to be attributed to the impoverished condition of the people of China, resulting from so many years of the ravages of civil war; also in part to the ordeal of famine which has stricken many parts of the country during 1928. Nevertheless, as far as can be estimated in the absence of trade statistics, the trade of Hong Kong appears to have been maintained at about the level of the previous year. Introduction of the new Chinese Tariff on February 1, 1929, led to marked anticipatory increases of trading in all the Treaty Ports of China, and, no doubt, in Hong Kong also,—a factor which makes the trading conditions of 1928 abnormal and may be reflected in a quiet period during the early part of the following year. If the new Tariff is to be revised a year hence, the resulting uncertainty may produce further adverse effects in the latter part of 1929.

Members will note that the Committee has again pressed on the Government the necessity for the re-establishment of the Statistical Department, if only to a limited extent, for the purpose of recording the non-Chinese foreign trade of the Colony, in respect of which the demand for statistics is most clamant.

Other important reports concerning shipping and the export trade of the Colony are given in other parts of the report and will be reproduced in the "China Mail" as space permits.

MANCHESTER REPORT

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, in their Weekly Market Report, dated Feb. 6, states:—

Since the issue of our last week's report, values have maintained their steady basis although something in the nature of a small decline has been experienced at the beginning of this week. In the opinion of certain market experts the price of the raw material is at present too high to be inducive of any great turnover. This observation is to an extent confirmed by the bearish attitude of the market to any slight setback experienced, but on the other hand the undertone is decidedly sound enough for normal trading. It is both difficult and purely speculative to forecast the future trend of prices but in the meantime the present steady basis which is likely to continue for a while should prove encouraging to market operatives. It appears that overseas buyers are holding off their orders for a little time in the hopes of obtaining lower prices, following the formation of the Lancashire mills amalgamation. It remains to be seen whether this policy will prove successful, but by co-operating in this manner it should certainly assist in competition against outside producers. Although the general enquiry for the week has remained quite satisfactory the actual resultant trade has only been of a small nature. India has done a few lots of fancies for the up-country markets, but Calcutta and Bombay have been very quiet. There have been certain restrictions to business, such as the Calcutta embargo on spring shipments and the approach of the Chinese New Year. Morocco and some of the African outlets have placed business, but the speculative buying which hitherto has been prevalent in the South American styles has subsided. The Continental markets have been rather dull, but many manufacturers have had orders for most styles of home-trade fabrics. Little has been done for Egypt but one or two nice lines of mock voiles and light cloths have gone through for Bagdad and the Near East. In the yarn section only a scrappy demand has been met with for American yarns and quotations have in the main continued irregular.

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Beef Sirloin	牛尾枝	lb.	25	24	12
„ Prime Cut		„	28	28	11
„ Corned	咸牛肉	„	34	23	12
„ Roast	燒牛	„	28	24	22
„ Breast	牛腩	„	26	20	18
„ Soup	湯肉	„	24	20	18
„ Steak	牛排	„	28	24	22
„ Steak Sirloin	牛柳腰	„	40	30	35
„ Sausages	牛腸	„	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
„ Tongue, fresh	牛腦	each	85	50	60
„ Tongue, corned	咸牛腦	„	—	60	—
„ Head	牛頭	„	$1.20	—	$1.20
„ Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
„ Hump, Salt	牛肩	„	34	20	18
„ Feet	牛脚	each	10	10	12
„ Kidneys	牛腰	„	15	10	12
„ Tail	牛尾	„	28	20	22
„ Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
„ Tripe	牛肚	„	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭腳	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排骨	lb.	45	26	—
„ Leg	羊脾手	„	45	26	—
„ Shoulder	羊	„	44	24	—
„ Saddle	羊鞍肉	„	45	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	猪腸	„	30	—	27
„ Brains	猪腦	Per set	5	—	12
„ Feet	猪脚	lb.	16	15	—
„ Fry	猪什頭	„	28	15	18
„ Head	猪	„	18	20	—
„ Heart	猪心	each	15	10	10
„ Kidneys	猪腰	„	15	10	8
„ Liver	猪肝	lb.	48	30	24
Pork Chop	猪排骨	„	34	25	23
„ Leg	猪脾	„	34	—	—
„ Loin	猪後腰	„	40	60	70
„ Fat or Lard	猪油	„	24	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭腳	per set	92	60	70
„ Heart	羊心	each	11	8	7
„ Kidneys	羊腰	„	15	12	10
„ Liver	牛肝	„	46	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳猪	lb.	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	鮮牛油	„	30	20	18
„ Mutton	鮮羊油	„	45	26	26
Veal	牛仔肉	„	30	20	20
„ Sausages	牛仔腸	„	32	—	—
„ „ No. 1.		„	28	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	蛟魚	lb.	36	16	24
Bream	鳊魚	„	26	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish.	省城塘魚	„	24	13	16
		„	26	16	27
Carp	鯉魚	„	32	12	9
Catfish	鮰魚	„	24	16	27
Codfish	鱈魚	„	36	23	26
Crabs	蟹	„	36	16	27
Cuttle Fish	魚	„	32	23	16
Dab		„	22	20	—
Dace	黃皮尾	„	16	10	8
Dog Fish	沙魚肚	„	35	16	—
Eels, Conger	鰻魚	„	24	10	18
„ Fresh Water	水	„	48	26	30
„ Yellow	鱔	„	48	32	25
Frogs	田雞	„	66	40	30
Garoupa	石白	„	22	22	18
Gudgeon	斑	„	26	18	23
Herrings	鯡	„	25	18	15
Halibut	龍利	„	34	22	18
Labrus	黃鳥	„	72	22	24
Loach	鰍	„	35	32	21
Lobsters	龍蝦	„	22	20	26
Mackerel	青衣	„	27	13	2
Monk Fish	鮟鱇	„	34	13	2
Mullet	烏頭	„	62	16	22
Oysters	蠔	„	26	14	9
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Plaice	比目	„	36	36	30
Pomfret, White	白鯧	„	38	36	45
Pomfret, Black	烏鯧	„	46	10	14
Prawns	蝦	„	16	16	14
Ray	魟	„	22	13	13
Rock Fish	石斑	„	38	22	10
Roach	鯇	„	76	36	30
Salmon	沙腰立德大左	„	16	8	10
Shark	魚	„	12	10	10
Skate	魚	„	36	32	30
Shrimps	蝦	„	44	26	35
Snapper	紅魚	„	32	23	25
Soles	魚	„	16	22	13
Tench	魚	„	22	13	13
Turbot	魚	„	140	40	—
Turtles (small, fr. water)	龜				

Poultry.

			Mar. 8, 1929. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	55	30	31
Capons, Small	線雞	„	50	28	30
Capons, Large	肥線雞	„	60	28	30
Duck	鴨	„	40	22	21
Doves	班鳩	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	28	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	„	32	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	65	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	„	50	35	24
Geese	鵝	„	40	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	60	30	—
„ Hoihow	海口鴿	„	48	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	—	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞雌	„	—	51	45
Snipe	沙雞	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	1.80	—	—
Quail	鶉	each	35	—	2
Partridges	鷓鴣	„	1.00	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	40	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋菓	„	22	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	„	5	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	„	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	12	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	10	25	30
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	8	8	—
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	—	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	„	15	—	—
Oranges	橙	„	20	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨生	„	15	—	—
Peanuts	花生	„	12	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	„	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	„	5	3	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	15	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	18	—	16
Grapes	菩提子	„	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	鴉芝	each	12	—	8
Beans, Sprout	芽豆	lb.	6	—	7
„ Long	豇豆角	„	10	—	—
Beet Root	紅菜頭	„	—	8	—
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	„	10	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	„	8	5	8
„ Red	紅瓜	„	6	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese (Shanghai)	白菜	„	8	—	—
„	椰菜	„	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	竹蔗	„	10	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大菜花	each	15	—	—
„ (Medium)	中菜花	„	12	—	—
„ (Small)	細菜花	„	10	6	6
Carrots	金邊菜	lb.	8	6	6
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	„	10	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒干	„	20	25	5
„ Red	紅辣椒	„	12	10	16
„ Green	青辣椒	„	10	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	咖喱粉	„	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	„	12	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	„	10	6	6
Ginger, Young	薑	„	8	7	—
Old	老薑	„	12	10	—
„ Horseradish, Shanghai		„	30	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	„	10	45	—
Lettuce	生菜	„	6	1	—
Water Chesnuts	馬蹄	„	8	—	8
„ Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	„	10	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草菰	„	—	—	3
Okroes		„	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥頭	„	10	8	3
„ Green	蔥頭	„	6	4	6
„ Shanghai	上海蔥頭	„	8	6	—
Parsley	芹香菜	„	—	60	8
Potato, Sweet	日本薯仔	„	5	3	—
„ Japanese	日本薯仔	„	5	8	—
„ American	金山薯仔	„	—	3	—
Pumpkin	紅瓜	„	5	4	4
Radish	蘿蔔	„	8	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大王菜	„	6	—	10
Shallots	蔥頭	„	12	—	3
Spinach	菠菜	„	12	8	—
Tomatoes	番茄	„	6	4	—
Taro	芋	„	8	7	—
Turnips, Puntí (Long)	蘿蔔	„	5	6	—
Vegetable Marrow		„	—	4	—
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Hong Kong, March 12, 1929.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of March, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Sq. feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1711.	Between New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1166 and 1167, Ki Lung Street, Shamshuipo.	As per sale plan.				about 9,900	62	12,440

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of March, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Sq. Ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2150	Junction of Nathan Road and Bute Street, Mong Kok.	As per sale plan.				About 14,135	10c	25,670

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THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mrs. C. Montague Ede, to sell by Public Auction, a part of her Valuable Household Furniture,

ON
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
the 15th and 16th March, 1929,
commencing each day at 11 a.m. with an interval from 1 to 2.30 p.m.
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One Very Fine and Old Japanese Dinner Service (complete)
One Large Kelvinator
One Large American Ice Box with Glass Doors
One Victrola with 600 Records (Mostly Red Seal)
also
4 Old Carved Blackwood Clothes Chests
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Catalogues will be issued.
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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Vœux Road Central, Hong Kong), on SATURDAY, the 16th day of March, 1929, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1928, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1929.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on FRIDAY, 22nd March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 11th March, 1929, to 22nd March, 1929, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1929.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 26th March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1928.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1929, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1929.

NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th March, 1929, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 27th March, 1929 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1929.

G. R.

1929—1930.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the R.N. HOSPITAL, until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1929, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Bread, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Aerated Waters, Ice, and other provisions, and necessaries for the year ending 31st March, 1930.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R.N. Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

WM. W. KEIR,
Surgeon Captain, R.N.
R.N. Hospital,
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1929.

FANLING HUNT
STEEPLECHASES.
SUNDAY,
24th March.
Entries Close at Noon 16th March.
Forms from Thomas & Co.

TRADE STATISTICS

REPRESENTATIONS TO GOVERNMENT

REDUCED SYSTEM ?

The annual report of the General Chamber of Commerce states:—

The question of renewing representations to the Government on the subject of the re-establishment of the Imports and Exports Office was considered by the Committee during 1928. With a view to ascertaining whether any cheaper and more effective system could be based on methods obtaining elsewhere, enquiries were made as to the compilation of statistics in Ceylon and Singapore. The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, at that time the Officer Administering the Government of Hong Kong, and formerly Principal collector of Customs in Ceylon, kindly furnished the Chamber with details as regards that Colony, and the Registrar of Imports and Exports, Singapore, at the request of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce, sent notes as to the system followed in British Malaya. The Assistant Secretary of this Chamber, whilst on leave, visited the Statistical Branch of the Board of Trade and H.M. Customs. Pending receipt of the required information, further representations to the Government were postponed.

The Chamber addressed the following letter to the Government on February 5, 1929:—

"The Committee of the Chamber has postponed further representations on this matter (the re-establishment of the Statistical Branch) pending enquiries as to the method of compiling statistics in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, British Malaya and Ceylon, with a view to discovering whether any cheaper and more effective system could be based on the experience of these places. Conditions in British Malaya most nearly approximate those in this Colony: there the method of compiling statistics from compulsory import and export declarations is followed—as formerly in Hong Kong—and the Committee has come to the conclusion that this is the least inconvenient system applicable to local circumstances.

"A further reason for the postponement of renewed representations was the financial situation of the Colony, but the Committee suggests to the Government that a sufficient recovery has now been made to warrant the re-establishment of a Department which is of considerable value to merchants, and, indeed, to the whole community.

"Statistical information is of the greatest assistance to merchants in controlling their supplies in order to prevent the uneconomical alternation of glut and shortage which is bound to ensue where the volume and fluctuation of imports and exports are unknown. When the market is starved the consumer pays higher prices than he should; when it is glutted the merchant suffers, and must recoup his loss by an extra profit in other directions.

"It is understood that the establishment of the local Statistical Department originated from representations by the Imperial Government. The Committee is of opinion that the cost of the Statistical Department is justified in a British Colony if only because trade statistics furnish detailed information as to foreign competition with British trade in the piece goods, metal and other markets.

Duty of the Government

"Practically every civilised Government, with the exception of Hong Kong, publishes trade statistics, and the Committee urges that it is one of the duties of a Government to contribute its returns to the common stock of information in exchange for the particulars furnished by other countries. A financial return from the Department cannot be expected, any more than from educational and many other public services.

"While still of opinion that the cost of the Department was excessive, the Committee desires to contest the idea that an expenditure of from $50,000 to $100,000 on the compilation of statistics is necessarily extravagant. In the past, a considerable proportion of the Colony's trade has never been recorded, and the total turnover probably approaches or even exceeds £150,000,000. An expenditure of £5,000 on this amount represents an infinitesimal percentage. The Registrar of Imports and Exports, Singapore, informs the Chamber that British Malaya spends approximately $100,000 in recording trade valued in 1926 at £302,000,000.

Native Trade

"Although theoretically a complete record of the Colony's trade would be preferable, there are serious objections to hampering native trade, and certain other specific trades by requiring import and export declarations to be made therefor. The Committee therefore invites the Government to consider the practicability of abandoning any attempt to keep statistics of native trade and to limit the scheme to recording only the trade carried on with countries connected with Hong Kong by the principal ocean trade routes. In support of this suggestion the following points are mentioned:—

(1) It is on record that the Chinese Chamber of Commerce places no importance on the possession of statistics of native trade; nor is this trade of concern to non-Chinese merchants.
(2) Any hardship felt by Chinese merchants in being compelled to make Import and Export Declarations in the English language would be obviated. Those Chinese merchants engaging in trade with other than their own nationals will have no difficulty in respect of the Declarations.
(3) The main purposes of statistics will be achieved and substantial saving in the cost of the Department may be anticipated.
(4) The modus operandi would be to enact that Import and Export Declarations would be required in respect of named lines of foreign-going steamers, or in respect of steamers plying between Hong Kong and named countries.

"For such a reduced system of statistics the Chamber suggests that a monthly issue of the returns (as in British Malaya) might be possible, instead of quarterly as heretofore. Early publication is essential to the value of statistics.

"The Committee urges the Government to give this question its most earnest consideration with a view to provision in the next budget for the re-establishment of the Statistical Department."

THE "ACTRESS"

PINERO'S FAMOUS STAGE PLAY

Sir Arthur Wing Pinero's famous stage play, "Trelawney of the Wells," which has been filmed under the title of "The Actress," starring Norma Shearer, is the attraction starting to-day at the Queen's Theatre. Sir Arthur wrote the production in 1880 and used as his characters real people who lived in a lodging house in London and played at the Wells Theatre. The play scored an instantaneous success and has been periodically revived ever since.

Every effort has been made to stay as closely as possible to the original story. Ralph Forbes plays opposite Miss Shearer and other well-known names appearing in the large cast include Roy D'Arcy, Owen Moore, Lee Moran, and Gwen Lee.

Sam Ku West and his Paradise Harmony boys, who have delighted Queen's Theatre audiences this week with selections on the steel guitar and the harp, will continue to appear until Saturday in an entire change of programme. Miss Aida Kawakami, the clever young Japanese dancer will also present new dance items.

A motor-lorry back-fired, burst into flames, and set on fire a hay and corn store in Clayton street, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.

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PACKING OF RICE

APPROVED SPECIMENS OF CONTAINERS

Methods of ensuring the use of satisfactory containers in respect of rice exported from Hong Kong again occupied the attention of the Export Sub-Committee of the General Chamber of Commerce, states the annual report. A special committee of the principal exporters was appointed to discuss the question and sample bags and mats suitable for the conveyance of rice were approved and adopted. The rice surveyors were notified on July 21, 1928, that rice for export under certificate signed or countersigned by the Chamber was only to be passed by the surveyors if it was packed in containers not inferior to the approved specimens. It is expected that adherence to these conditions will remove all cause for complaint in the consuming markets.

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HAKOZAKI MARU ..... Saturday, 23rd March.
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SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.
RAKUYO MARU ..... Friday, 19th April.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
KANAGAWA MARU ..... Friday, 5th April.
NEW YORK via PANAMA.
† TAKETOYO MARU ..... Sunday, 17th March.
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† LYONS MARU ..... Sunday, 17th March.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
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LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP—Via Singapore Colombo, Suez and Port Said.
AMAZON MARU ..... Thursday, 14th March.
ALASKA MARU ..... Thursday, 11th April.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
HAWAII MARU ..... Tuesday, 19th March.
LAPLATA MARU ..... Tuesday, 23rd April.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.
INDUS MARU ..... Wednesday, 20th March.
* (Calls at Penang & Karacchi).
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.
CANADA MARU ..... Sunday, 31st March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
CELEBES MARU ..... Monday, 18th March.
* (Calls at Belawan Deli).
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From Shanghai.
PARIS MARU ..... Saturday, 23rd March.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
BURMA MARU ..... Saturday, 6th April.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
HAIPHONG—Via Hollow & Pakhoi.
MENADO MARU ..... Thursday, 14th March 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
JAPAN PORTS.
CHIFUKU MARU ..... Thursday, 14th March.
AMUR MARU ..... Sunday, 17th March.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
CANTON MARU ..... Sunday, 17th March Noon.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
DELI MARU ..... Thursday, 21st March, 10 a.m.
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SOURABAYA MARU ..... Thursday, 4th April.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

WAR MYSTERY

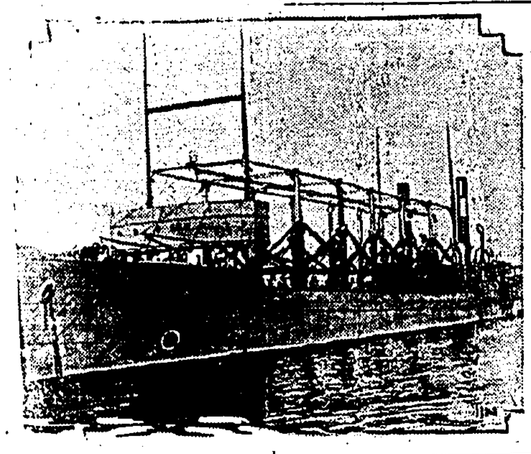
NAVY DEPARTMENT THINKS FATE NOW SETTLED

Eleven years after the U.S.S. "Cyclops," naval collier, dropped from the face of the Atlantic, with 306 persons on board, a solution to its disappearance has been found in confidential naval records of world war days.

Out of the maze of letters, wireless communications and intercepted German messages one solution appeared. It is that the collier was caught in a terrific storm south of the Virginia Capes, capsized and sank with all hands.

In March, 1918, the "Cyclops" was en route from Rio de Janeiro to Baltimore with a cargo of manganese ore.

The collier, on its fatal voyage, was not directly operating in the naval service, but had been chartered by the United States and Brazil Steamship Company to transport manganese. The naval vessel was overloaded in excess of its maximum dead weight. The cargo was not well trimmed. Its starboard engine was out of commission. At the time of its last sailing there were 4,000 tons of sea water mostly in the



collier's double bottom. The "Cyclops" crew were mainly inexperienced, "with no knowledge of working a ship or life on board a ship," according to a written protest to the Navy Department signed by Lieut.-Commander Geo. W. Worley, the collier captain.

On March 9, 1918, the s.s. "Amalco" passed the "Cyclops" off the Virginia Capes and on March 10 a terrific storm came up which all but sank the "Amalco." On March 23 the collier was recorded as missing. Squadrons of naval vessels were dispatched on the search. Wireless calls swept the entire Atlantic, but went unanswered. Even the Imperial German Navy, then at war with the United States, was requested for news of the collier. Wireless messages passing between German naval headquarters and German submarines were intercepted and decoded, but all U-boat commanders denied having seen the "Cyclops."

One hundred days later the "Cyclops" was officially marked "lost" and all on board "dead."

Was Heavily Overloaded

The Maximum dead weight of the "Cyclops" was 14,500 tons. Its cargo capacity was listed at 8,000 tons of coal. With the 10,000 tons of manganese on board, the 4,000 tons of water and in addition coal and provisions, the collier was heavily overloaded. When it left the Barbados the water line was above its Plimsoll line, or safety mark.

Many rumours as to the fate of the collier reached the naval intelligence force. The one trace of the collier came from Donald Fraser of Chicago, whom naval officers credited with being responsible. Fraser said in February, 1920, while cruising off the Bahamas he was forced to take refuge on Gun Key because of a storm. He said he found wreckage of a lifeboat on which was stencilled the letters "U. S. Cyclo—"

Also, Fraser reported he noticed what appeared to be the sunken hull of a ship about 2,000 yards off the key. A naval investigation several months after Fraser made his report failed to disclose the wreckage, but naval men said it was possible it had been from the "Cyclops" and had washed away again in another storm.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS

The Transport "Somersetshire" left Singapore for Hong Kong yesterday, and is due to arrive here at 6 a.m. on Tuesday.

H.M.S. "Dartmouth" left Aden for Colombo en route to Hong Kong.

H.M.S. "Bruce," "Seraph" and "Somme" arrived at Amoy, and H.M.S. "Sterling" and "Stormcloud" arrived at Swatow—all from Hong Kong.

CONSIGNEES.

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"CHILE"

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 17th March, 1929, at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 15th, March, 1929, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Undersigned before the 20th March, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hong Kong, 11th March, 1929.

H.K. HARBOUR

THE PROPOSED ADVISORY BOARD

The following appears in the annual report for 1928 of the General Chamber of Commerce:—

Further consideration of the Government's proposal to establish a Harbour Board for Hong Kong, discussion on which appeared in the 1927 report, was delayed owing to the absence from the Colony of the Harbour Master and the necessity of obtaining detailed information as to the working of the Port Commission at Colombo. The Chamber on July 20, 1928, replied as follows to the Government's letter inviting the opinion of the Committee on the proposal:—

"The Committee desires to convey its thanks to the Government for authorising the conference with the Harbour Master which took place on November 15, last. As a result of this discussion it appeared desirable to obtain information from Colombo as to the working of the port authority there and delay in receiving and in giving adequate consideration to the views forwarded accounts for the much-regreted delay in replying to the Government's letter.

"The Committee desires to remark that the Government's letter of September 21 gives very little detail as to the scope and duties of the suggested Harbour Board, and Commander Hole, when outlining ideas on the subject at the conference with the Committee, stated that he did not know to what extent the Government would support the views he was expressing.

Definite Line of Policy

"The Committee realises the importance to the Colony of its Harbour and of a definite line of policy with regard to it being formulated by the Government in consultation with the Merchant and Shipping interests of the Colony.

"Hong Kong, however, is not a consuming centre but depends for the bulk of its trade upon distribution. This being so, its trade can only be maintained and further extended by economical handling of goods and keeping down the expenses of the Port. The Committee is apprehensive that the formation of a Harbour Board will ultimately lead to increased expenses being placed on Shipping.

"Conditions in Hong Kong, where practically every activity connected with the Harbour is conducted by private enterprise, differ entirely from conditions in places like Singapore where Docks, Wharves and Warehouses are owned and operated by the Government under a Port Trust. They differ also from places like Colombo where the Government owns property but leases it to private enterprise and operates the Harbour under the Colombo Port Commission. It would seem therefore that there is not the same need for a Harbour Board for Hong Kong.

Suggested Co-Ordination

"As outlined by Commander Hole, much of the work which it is hoped the Harbour Board would do could possibly be accomplished by co-ordination of the several departments now interested in the Harbour, namely the Harbour Office, the Public Works Department, the Railway and Import and Export Office, while the Shipping Sub-Committee of the Chamber of Commerce is always available to give advice, and is more widely representative than the small unofficial membership of a Harbour Board could be.

"The Committee is generally in favour of the establishment of a Harbour Board, provided that the ultimate aim of the Government is to form a body which will eventually be given limited authority, and that such a body would have moderately wide terms of reference in respect of general questions of policy in Harbour development. Above all it should not increase costs to vessels using the Port.

"With regard to nomination of members of the Board, the Committee (having in mind frequent changes in personnel) prefers to wait until the Board is actually decided upon before suggesting names of suitable representatives."

Limerick Harbour Board, in considering further proposals for dock extension and a railway link, have instructed the port engineer to investigate the amount of traffic carried over the railway connection with Sligo and Derry ports. Inward and outward traffic dealing with imports and exports is to be considered in reference to the conditions at these ports to ascertain how far similar arrangements would be applicable to Limerick.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has sent a telegram to the South Holland Society for Saving the Shipwrecked expressing deep regret at the loss of the lifeboat "Prins der Nederlanden." This boat was one of the International Fleet of Lifeboat which came up the Thames in 1924 to celebrate the centenary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

N.D.L. "GIESSEN"

BADLY WRECKED OFF SHANGHAI

"KHIVA" RENDERS AID

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd s.s. "Giessen" yesterday evening struck The Button and early this morning her back broke.

The P. and O. s.s. "Khiva" bound for Hong Kong, took off her three passengers and most of the crew. The remainder of the crew are taking refuge on The Button. It is believed that there are no casualties.

According to the latest reports the "Giessen" is a total loss.

Later.

The "Giessen" was inward bound from Singapore and carried a crew of nine officers and 43 men.

The salvage tugs "Saucy" and "St. Sampson" have left to give relief.—Reuter.

Built in England

The "Giessen" has been owned by Norddeutscher Lloyd Co., for whom Melchers and Co. are the local agents, for a year. She is of 6,513 gross tonnage and 4,094 nett tonnage, and was built in 1915 by the Northumberland Shipbuilding Co. at Howdon-on-Tyne. Her dimensions are length 435.6 feet, beam 53.6 feet and depth 30.6 feet. She was carrying a cargo from Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg, and Bremen for China ports, but none of the cargo was for Hong Kong and the three passengers taken off by the "Khiva" were not for this port.

NO ARMS ON LINER

H.A.L. REFUTE REPORT OF SEIZURE

Berlin. — The Hamburg-America Line issued a statement regarding the message from Buenos Ayres reporting the seizure aboard their steamed "Sachsenwald" by Argentine Government officers of 2,000 cases containing rifles consigned to an address in Bolivia. The line stated that it "knows nothing of such confiscation, and has no interest in such shipments of arms."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" left Shanghai for this port on March 12 at 5 p.m., and is due here on March 15 at about 5 p.m.

Projected arrivals at and departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:—

Arrivals at Hong Kong

S.S. "City of Delhi" from Europe, March 17.
S.S. "City of Khios" from New York via Suez, March 25.
The s.s. "City of Glasgow" from Europe, April 17.
The s.s. "Glenbank" from New York via Panama, April 22.
The s.s. "Comliebank" from New York via Panama, April 26.
The s.s. "City of Newcastle" from New York via Suez, May 1.

Departures From Hong Kong

S.S. "City of Delhi," for Shanghai and Japan, March 18.
The s.s. "City of Dunkirk" for Manila and U.S.A., March 18.
The s.s. "City of Khios" for Manila and U.K., March 28.
The s.s. "City of Khartoum" for Singapore and Europe, April 8.
The s.s. "City of Glasgow" for Shanghai and Japan, April 18.
The s.s. "Tinhow" for Saigon and South Africa, April 18.
The s.s. "Glenbank" for Haiphong, April 26.
The s.s. "Comliebank" for Shanghai and Chinwangtao, April 27.
The s.s. "City of Delhi" for Singapore and U.K., May 9.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex M.V. "Chile" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 17 at 4 p.m.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Rio Diamante" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 20.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Benmacdhui" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 21.

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SAILINGS 1929.

STEAMERS	Leave Hong Kong	Leave S'hai	Leave Kobe	Leave Y'hama	Arrive V'ver
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 25	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 15	June 23
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 26	June 29	July 2	July 4	July 12
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 21	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 29	Sept. 7
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 10	Sept. 12	Sept. 21

(E/Asia and E/Russia call at Nagasaki the day after departure from S'hai)

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HONG KONG—MANILA SERVICE.

Leave Hong Kong	Arrive Manila		Leave Manila	Arrive Hong Kong
Mar. 29	Mar. 31	EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 5	Apr. 7
Apr. 19	Apr. 21	EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 26	Apr. 28

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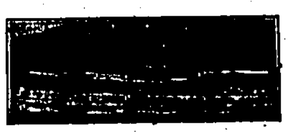

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MARCH.
SUN. 17th WED. 27th
FRI. 22nd

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MARCH.
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*PADUA	5,907	28th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
MALWA	10,980	30th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Hull.
*MIRZAPORE	6,715	1st Apr.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
NALDERA	16,088	13th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KARMALA	9,128	20th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	10,946	27th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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SANTHIA	7,754	17th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,006	23rd Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKLIWA	7,936	27th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,949	1st May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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NALDERA	16,088	16th Mar. 6 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	7,754	21st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Y'hama & Osaka.
KARMALA	9,128	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*ALIPORE	5,273	23rd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
*LAHORE	5,252	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MANTUA	6,000	29th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KIDDERPORE	5,334	30th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
TILAWA	10,006	31st Mar.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAKLIWA	7,935	31st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Y'hama & Osaka.
ARAFURA	10,946	9th Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,949	10th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*JEYPORE	5,318	11th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KALYAN	9,144	12th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MOREA	10,953	26th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
TANDA	6,956	7th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.

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PIRACY ECHO

MEMORIAL TABLET TO BE UNVEILED

CEREMONY ON WEDNESDAY

We are asked to state that His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to unveil the Memorial Tablet, erected by the Hong Kong Government in St. Peter's Church, West Point, to the memory of Robert Black, late Chief Engineer of s.s. "Kochow" who was murdered by pirates in the West River on September 1, 1927.

The dedicatory service will take place on Wednesday next at 11 a.m., and it is hoped that all seafarers who can possibly do so will make a point of being present.

Wreaths should be at the Church by 10.30 a.m.

It has been arranged that, after the service in the Church, a party will proceed to the Protestant Cemetery to deposit wreaths, which may be brought to the Church for that purpose, on the tombstone erected by the Hong Kong Government to the memory of Harry Conway, late Chief Officer of s.s. "San Nam Hoi" who was murdered by pirates in the West River on January 17, 1923.

G.E.C. SHARES

ATTITUDE OF U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT

"DECLINES TO MOVE"

Washington, Yesterday.

The State Department has declined to move directly in the British General Electric Company controversy in which American shareholders of the company allege discrimination in the matter of a projected new share issue.

It has, however, instructed the American Embassy in London to watch developments, and to take any helpful action possible.

It is learned informally that officials here are of the opinion that American shareholders ought to appeal to the courts before seeking Government intervention.—Reuter's American Service.

Company's Resolutions

At a meeting of the General Electric Company held in London, to consider special resolutions increasing the capital by the creation of 1,600,000 new £1 "British ordinary" shares, not transferable to foreigners, Sir Hugo Hirst who presided, regretted that the resolution barring foreigners had given umbrage in some quarters.

He said that without the knowledge or assent of the directors dealings in the company's shares had suddenly started in New York last year. The directors immediately took steps to prevent any foreign control, but nevertheless the purchases continued in the United States, raising the price of shares abnormally.

Considerably more than half of the Ordinary share capital had wandered across the Atlantic.

It was absolutely vital, apart altogether from the question of control, that the British character of the Company should be preserved, and its shareholders be predominantly British.

The resolution authorising the increase of capital was carried with only three dissentients.

The resolution confining shares to Britishers was carried by a large majority, after a statement on behalf of the Committee of American shareholders was read, declaring that the proposal to bar foreigners was a violation of the rights of all the stockholders.—Reuter.

DISTILLER'S £964,614

ANOTHER £270,000 FOR THE EXCHEQUER

The will relating to another big estate, was published last month.

Mr. Andrew Alexander Watt, of Easton Hall, Easton, Grantham, lately chairman of United Distillers, Ltd., and other distillery companies, and a director of the Distillers Co., Ltd., left unsettled property of the gross value of £904,614 (net personalty, £889,139.).

Mr. Watt left:

£1,000 to Mrs. Mary Gibson formerly Cameron), "my late wife's trusted maid."

£1,000 to his servant, Thomas Murdy, if still in his service and not under notice either given or received.

£100 similarly to his private secretary Miss Howden.

£50 each similarly to his groom, Charles Hewsrdine, and his chauffeur, H. Blackwell.

While people are always talking of the possibilities of war they will get war.—Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P.

Thieves used a motor-car recently to steal the safe containing £9 from the subpost office in Matthias road, Stoke Newington, N.

Miss Evelyn Laye will play the leading woman's part in the next Drury Lane production, "New Moon."

MONEY AND SHARES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

	M	A	T	S
On London—				
Bank, wire			1/11	¾
Bank, on demand			1/11	13/16
Bank, 30 days' sight				—
Bank, 4 months' sight			2/-	
Credits, 4 months' sight			2/-	¾
Documentary 4 months' sight			2/-	⅞
On Paris—				
On demand			1232½	
Credits, 4 months' sight			1307½	
On Berlin—				
On demand				—
On New York—				
On demand			48⅛	
Credits, 60 days' sight			49¾	
On Bombay—				
Wire			132	
On demand			132	
On Calcutta—				
Wire			132	
On demand			132	
On Singapore—				
On demand			85¼	
On Manila—				
On demand			98¼	
On Shanghai—				
On demand			78	
60 day's sight (private paper)				—
On Yokohama—				
On demand			107½	
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)				—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)			9.75	
Silver (per oz.)			26	
Bar Silver in Hong Kong			2¼% Prem.	
Copper Cash			Nominal	
Chinese Copper Cents			6% Prem.	
Rate of Native Interest			7% p.a.	
Chinese Sub. Coin			33⅓% dis.	
Hong Kong Sub. Coin			Par.	

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris	124.29½
New York	4.85 15/32
Brussels	34.9
Geneva	25.24
Amsterdam	12.12
Milan	92.69½
Berlin	20.46
Stockholm	18.17
Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.20
Vienna	34.55½
Prague	164
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	32.34½
Lisbon	108 3/16
Athens	375
Bucharest	815½
Rio	5⅞
Buenos Aires	47 5/16
Bombay	1/5 31/32
Shanghai	2/6 ½
Hong Kong	1/11 ¾
Yokohama	1/10 1/32
Silver Spot	26
Silver Forward	26 1/16

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H.K. Bank			$1200 s
H.K. London Reg.			£186 n
Chartered Bank			$22 n
Mercantile A. & B.			£34 n
Mercantile C.			£15¼ n
P. & O. Bank			£9⅜ n
Bank of East Asia			$90½ n
Insurances			
Canton Insurance			$695 n
Union Insurance			$388 s
North China Insurance			T160 b
Yangtze Insurance			M$50 n
China Underwriters	$2.20	b 2.40	s
China Fire Insurance			$290 s
H.K. Fire Insurance	$790	b 800	s
Shipping			
Douglases			$86½ n
H.K. Steamboats			$27½ s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters			$2¼ b
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)			$52½ n
Indo-Chinas (Def.)			$92 n
Shell Transports			93/9 n
Shell Transports (new)			— n
Union Water-boats			$22½ n
Mining			
Banquets			$2.70 b
Kailan Mining Ad.			67/6 n
Langkats (comb.)			T14 b
Langkats (singles)			T7½ n
Shanghai Explorations			T3 s
Shanghai Loans			T4½ n
Raubs			$7.10 b
Tronoh Mines			17/6 n
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves			$126½ n
H.K. & W. Docks			$40½ n
China Providents			$4.85 s
Hongkews			T168½ n
New Engineerings			T5¼ n
Shanghai Docks	T116½	b 117½	sa
Cotton Mills			
Ewo Cottons			T13.40 b
Oriental Cottons			T2 n
Shanghai Cottons (old)			T70 n
Shanghai Cottons (new)			T35 n
Lands, Hotels & Buildings			
H.K. & S. Hotels			$9.10 n
H.K. Lands			$68½ b
Shanghai Lands			T169 b
Humphreys' Estates			$14½ b
H.K. Realties			$8.60 n
H.K. Territorials			—
Prince's Buildings			—
Public Utilities			
H.K. Tramways	$18½	b 19	s
Peak Trams (old)			$13 s
Peak Trams (new)			$6.80 n
Star Ferries			$68½ n
China Lights (comb.)			—
China Lights (old)	$13.10	b 13¼	sa
China Lights (new)			—
China Lights 1928 Issue			—
H.K. Electrics (old)			$55¾ b
H.K. Electrics (new)			$54½ b
Macao Electrics			$26¾ n
H.K. Telephone	$7	b 7¼	s
China Buses			T11¾ n
Singapore Tractions			11/6 n
Singapore Pref.	16/6	b 17/3	s
Sandakan Lts.			$5 n
Industrials			
China Sugars			$1.10 s
Malabon Sugars			$30. b
Canton Ices			$2 s
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Cements (old)			$7.80 n
Cements (new)			$1.40 b
H.K. Ropes (old)			$7½ n
H.K. Ropes (new)			—
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LAWRENCE HOME

MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES REPORTED

London, Feb. 4.

The "Daily News" and "Westminster Gazette," in an editorial, draws attention to the "mysterious circumstances" surrounding the homecoming of ex-Colonel Lawrence ("Aircraftsman Shaw"), and asks why such a distinguished officer should be allowed to serve as a simple aircraftsman, why he was conveyed to England with such "conspicuous exclusiveness," and why he landed at Plymouth in a naval launch?

The paper suggests that it is neither in the interest of Service discipline, nor in the public interest that Lawrence should continue to masquerade as an aircraftsman when his identity is notorious and his activities in the Royal Air Force are a "matter of undesirable speculation throughout the world."

With the utmost secrecy, and under the latest pseudonym of "Mr. Smith," Aircraftsman Shaw," alias Lawrence of Arabia has arrived in London. There were two aircraftsmen in the Plymouth train when it arrived at Paddington. One of them walked boldly from the station, the cynosure of all eyes.

Meanwhile, "Shaw" crossed the line to another platform. Here a reporter challenged him. "My name is Smith," replied the aircraftsman. He calmly sprang into a taxi-cab, pursued by a crowd of photographers and others, and was joined by a civilian friend, after which an exciting taxi-cab chase, lasting nearly an hour, took place.

Shaw's" taxi proceeded by a roundabout route to Marble Arch, raced across Hyde Park, and zigzagged fruitlessly through side streets until it stopped at a flat in Cromwell Road, Kensington. Shaw, hiding his face in his hands, dashed into the building and slammed the door.

Dr. Raffaello Piccoli, a former professor of English at Naples, has been elected Professor of Italian at Cambridge University.

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The mark is a silhoutte of Great Britain, with a Union Jack in a circle on it, and the inscription "Produce of England and Wales."

Mr. H. G. Crothall, architect to the Middlesex County Council, died at his home at Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, last month.

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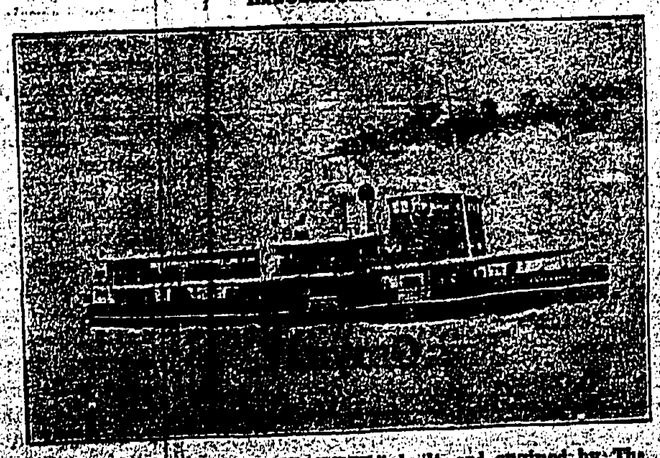

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DEATH

SETH, ENOS.—Age 45. Perished in King Edward Hotel fire, March 11, 1929. Cortege will pass the Monument on Thursday, March 14, at 5.15 p.m.

Hong Kong, Thursday, Mar. 14, 1929.

A WARNING TO TRADE

To those not behind the scenes the revelations made at the annual meeting of the General Chamber of Commerce of malpractices on the part of local exporters must have come in the nature of a minor thunder-bolt. No community, and no section thereof that takes a pride in its good name, can ever delight in the process of "crying stinking fish," nor yet of exposing unsavoury practices to the outside world. The newspapers published in the Colony are not limited in their circulation to this important trade centre: they find their way to practically every port in the East—from Colombo to Dairen—and circumspection is often judicious in commercial matters.

It may be argued that the disclosures at the Chamber meeting, publicly made, could not well be averted if the prestige of the Colony for fair trading is to be regained—assuming, as we must, that a portion of it has already been lost. There is no possible doubt in the mind of the Chairman of the Chamber. He utters a strongly-worded warning in alleging that "short-sighted means of endeavouring to reduce costs to meet markets have led to malpractices and caused serious complaints from consuming centres. Adulteration of wood oil and essential oils, poor quality ginger, lowering of the standard of packing and quality of rice have been the order of the day, resulting in loss of prestige and trade, while claims have been of common occurrence."

Has the Chairman of the Chamber unwittingly exaggerated the position that has unfortunately arisen? Or, has he intentionally employed the strongest possible terms in denunciation of the alleged malpractices in the hope that the warning may act as a deterrent to any who may have deviated in the recent past from the straight and narrow path of commercial rectitude?

Mr. J. M. da Rocha, who is Chairman of the Chamber's Sub-Committee on Exports, voiced a protest, on behalf of exporters, against the wholesale strictures passed by the Chairman of the Chamber (Mr. T. G. Weall). He admitted that "things have not been as well as they might have been." He thought that "in so far as the Chairman's warning is calculated to check possible abuse in the future, Chinese dealers and foreign exporting firms should take heed of the possible consequences to their trade if the greatest care be not observed in respect of delivery." Reference was made by Mr. da Rocha to erroneous interpretations of contracts and a lack of vigilance enabling suppliers to substitute cargo, both leading to complaints and claims. It is believed that no other commodity but rice was made the subject of arbitration. Twelve cases were submitted for wrongful interpretation of contract. Twelve awards were made, seven of these cases being non-members of the Chamber. The number of certificates issued during the year was about five hundred, thus making only about one per cent. of arbitration cases. This does not of itself support, perhaps, the formidable allegations made by the Chairman, who, after all, may be commended for his action in taking the very sensible course of promising an investigation by the incoming Committee. It may be fairly assumed that that report will be alike candid and exhaustive—that there will not be the slightest inclination or desire to shirk the grave issues involved. The good name of the trading community must be upheld, even though that may involve the exposure of those black sheep to whom the almighty dollar is more than a community's reputation for fair and upright dealing.

Singapore Base

Notwithstanding expert official, and very complete statements, made from time to time regarding the Singapore Base, the hypercritics of the scheme still continue to condemn and to question the Government as to the advisability of having it. In spite of the most convincing arguments to the contrary, those critics continue to make—(chiefly in the House of Commons)—the most inane remarks as to the scheme, which long ago was definitely decided upon as the result of expert and unbiased opinion as to its necessity. Even Mr. Lloyd George, who ought to know better, expressed some electioneering claptrap the other day to the effect that "England should come before Singapore." Those in the best position to judge gave their verdict in favour of the laying down of the Base and, to their credit and in spite of the financial stringency and the many other difficulties at Home, the present Government wisely approved of the proposal. The Base, regarded from the narrow angle of party politics and from a non-Imperial point of view, may be of little account at any time and even less worthy of consideration at present, but future generations of Britons will praise the foresight and the sagacity of those responsible for it. It is a great Imperial enterprise, upon which very much may depend some day. It is one which we trust will be continued in spite of the carping criticism of the thoughtless and the prejudiced.

Dr. Edwin E. Slosson, nationally known scientist and head of the United States Science Service, preached Sunday morning in the Mount Pleasant Congregational Church on "The Position of the Churches in the World." Touching on the relation of science and religion, Dr. Slosson declared that the true function of the churches is continually to discover new duties for themselves, duties so original and so prophetic as to constitute what the world calls "news." He said: "Progress always begins with an individual and is furthered by a minority. The churches must not merely hold on to what is good, but must seek new discoveries."—"Columbia Heights (D.C.) News."

The Committee of the General Chamber of Commerce regrets to record in the annual report the deaths during the year of Major Henry Keswick and Mr. Edward Shellim, old residents of Hong Kong who, during their stay here, served the Colony and the Chamber of Commerce in various capacities. Major Henry Keswick was a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils and served the Chamber of Commerce as a member of the General Committee from 1907 to 1911 and as Vice-Chairman in the year 1908. Mr. Edward Shellim was a member of the General Committee for several years.

The owner of Nos. 440 and 442, Shanghai-street, Yaumati, was yesterday summoned before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy, for drawing water through a Public Works Department meter without permission. Defendant pleaded that the connection was made by his foki without his knowledge. After he had been informed that no actual damage had been done, as anybody was capable of connecting the pipes without any difficulty, the Magistrate decided to discharge the defendant with a caution.

The ineptitude of that part of Wellington-street from Pottinger-street down to D'Aguilar-street for motoring was emphasised again this morning when another dangerous skid was added to the long list which has steadily grown since the thoroughfare was opened. When the street surface is slippery, down-bound motor-cars have great difficulty in negotiating the turn. At about 9.15 this morning, one car went on to the pavement but, fortunately, nobody was injured.

What might have been a serious outbreak of fire occurred at the Empress Hotel about 10 o'clock last night. A carelessly thrown lighted cigarette end is believed to have caused the fire which destroyed an awning outside one of the lower floors of the building. Luckily the blaze was discovered early and before the flames could spread, they were extinguished by people on a higher floor pouring buckets of water down on the awning.

A final concert organised by Mrs. Wyatt will be given at the Helena May on Thursday, March 21, at 5.30 p.m. The programme will include Bach, Beethoven, Vivaldi and Negro Spirituals. (Tea tickets must be booked in advance).—Advt.

At the Marine Court yesterday, the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., (retired), imposed a fine of $5 or five days' jail on the mistress of a cinder boat for mooring the boat inside the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter.

Senders of telegrams are informed that, owing to faulty cable connection, telegrams to and from Shanghai and beyond are subject to delay.

Yesterday was the fourth anniversary of the death of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

Admiral Mark K. Bristol, Commander of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, paid an official visit to Canton yesterday.

The dance arranged by the Sanitary Department Sports' Club for Saturday, at the Hotel Savoy, is unavoidably cancelled.

Mr. Khoo Keng-wah lectured at the University Union last evening on photography before a large and interested attendance.

Three Chinese cases of smallpox and one of cerebro-spinal fever appeared in yesterday's return of the Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. John R. Mott will give an address under the auspices of the Returned Students' Union in the Hong Kong Hotel to-morrow on "International Relations."

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. F. M. Jose dos Remedios, bank clerk, No. 2, Mosque-junction, Hong Kong, to Miss L. M. P. Peres, No. 8, Tong Hing-road, Kowloon.

Charged with riding on a 'bus of the Kowloon Motor 'Bus Co., without paying his fare, a Chinese told Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday, that he was under the impression that a pass which he held, issued by the China 'Bus Co., entitled him to ride on the other Company's vehicles. The Magistrate imposed a fine of $4 or seven days' jail.

On Tuesday a chimney fire took place at No. 150 Queen's-road East, at the time Sergt. B. A. Hyder, of the Indian Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade, was passing in a bus. He promptly jumped out to render assistance. He proceeded to the roof of the building and with the assistance of Chinese spectators, who passed him water, he succeeded in extinguishing the blaze before the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

A. D. C.

THIRD PRODUCTION OF SEASON

"THE DOVER ROAD"

It is announced that the A. D. C. has decided to run, for a short season of five nights, A. A. Milne's popular three-act comedy, "The Dover Road," and to devote 50 per cent. of the profits to the British Miners' Fund started by the "Hong Kong Telegraph."

The performances will take place at the Theatre Royal, the opening night being on April 6. The cast will consist entirely of players who have not yet appeared this season.

FOR CHARITY

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS GALA NIGHT

TUNG WAH HOSPITAL

A special gala performance will be given by Harmston's Circus at Mongkok, Kowloon, on Saturday night when half of the proceeds will be donated to the Tung Wah Hospital. An attractive programme has been arranged for the occasion.

The performance will be under the patronage of the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., the Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o, O.B.E., LL.D., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., and the Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital.

Mongkok buses pass the circus tent. Usual prices will be charged.

CAPT. CONNOLLY

FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY

Yesterday afternoon the funeral took place at the Protestant cemetery, Happy Valley, of Captain F. J. Connolly, master of the R.F.A. "Francol," who died suddenly on Tuesday morning.

There was a large gathering of sympathisers at the graveside, where the burial service was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Hewitt.

Those present at the funeral included representatives of the Naval Yard, and members of the "Francol's" crew. The chief mourner was Mr. E. A. S. Hayward, O.B.E., Naval Store Officer, whilst others notices at the graveside were Lieut. Com. Bridge, Mr. E. R. Robinson, Mr. A. J. W. Ashby, Mr. S. J. Heath, Capt. W. H. Green (Fortol), Capt. L. Elford, (Kharki), Mr. C. Sweeney, Major White, Messrs. C. J. Marsh, S. L. Mugridge, T. J. McGill, W. R. Latham, C. E. Jones, D. E. Morgan, F. W. Black, W. Grace, R. Haymes, W. McEver, W. E. Morris, A. A. Lewis, F. J. H. Chubb.

CORRESPONDENCE

KOWLOON POINT

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—It must be gratifying to the many Kowloon residents who frequent the Star Ferry that the P.W.D. have levelled down the triangular space to the right side of the halting place for motor-buses thereby allowing for more room for traffic in the congested area of Kowloon point. It is certainly a step in the right direction.

Further improvement is suggested, however, to the imagination of the casual observer. Kowloon Point being increasingly active, one hopes that the Government will favourably consider more improvement.

The present locality of the ricsha shelter is far from being the most appropriate place for it. The ricshas constantly obstruct passengers disembarking from buses and those from discharged ferries.

It is noticeable that there are two sections of this ricsha shelter:—

(1) a structure of concrete.

(2) an erection of steel ribs supporting a zinc roof.

The former does service as an abode for the coolies while the latter is a waiting places for ricshas to meet incoming ferries.

It seems most desirable that the whole shelter be removed. Would it not be an improvement if the "waiting place" (the second of the above sections) be transferred right against the sea-wall to extend from end to end from the Public Pier to the Star Ferry Wharf. If placed there it will admirably suit the requirements of passengers for ricshas and the ricshas will not continue "barging into" passengers for the buses.

Further, as there is now more space available for the buses, those serving Districts "1, 3, 6 and 9" could give elbow room to the ricshas enabling ricsha-pullers to take the extreme left but still leaving a wide margin of roadway between these buses and those of "2, 7, 8, 10 and 12" districts, for motor cycles, cars and other vehicles.

With regard to the coolie-shelter, one would consider the most appropriate place for the temporary lodging of the coolies classified above under section 1, would be the site at present occupied by the Kowloon Post Office.

It may be considered a bold suggestion but one inclines to the view that as the present Post Office is far too small for Kowloon, it would be preferable to see the ground adjacent to the Railway Station which is rented to the Advertising and Publicity Bureau for advertisement hoarding, superseded by an up-to-date Post Office which would there have much more centrality, having the railway line from the Kowloon Wharf for conveyance of mails to and from steamers berthing alongside Kowloon wharves and being at the Kowloon railway terminus. For purposes of uniformity this Post Office could be of architecture equivalent to that of the Railway Station and in order to provide scope for expansion, it would be a good plan if it were a three-storeyed building with a lift to all floors.

One would also like to see completed the unfinished road between the Y.M.C.A. and the present Post Office in Kowloon as this will enable ricshas to operate on it instead of between the Peninsula Hotel and the Y.M.C.A. Ricshas will thus have less contact with buses, etc., in Salisbury-road which is becoming essentially a road for motor traffic.

Hoping that these suggested alterations will receive due consideration from the Government and that Kowloon will be amodernised a further step as a consequence.

Yours etc.,
C. A. B.
Hong Kong, March 13.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—Now that the attack upon Christian Science has been renewed through your columns, I trust that you will again permit me to answer by the same means. In my former letters I have repeatedly made it clear that genuine Christian Scientists everywhere, and by that term I refer to members of the Church of Christ, Scientist, founded by Mary Baker Eddy, have not departed from the spiritual practices and precepts of their religion and have no desire or intention to co-operate with medical doctors after the manner indicated in the letter from "Fairplay V" last night. On the contrary, genuine Christian Scientists understand that Christian Science heals by prayer to God, in accordance with Jesus' Command, "Heal the sick."

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE V. MEDICINE

Plea For Intelligent Co-operation

NEW IMPETUS IN HEALING

Article In American Physicians' Organ

In the January issue of "Medical Economics," published at Rutherford, New Jersey, exclusively for physicians, John V. Dittemore asks: "Why Can't Christian Science and Medicine Join Hands"? His views are as follow:—

Several years ago, in the town of Brookline, Mass., there was dedicated an institution called The Christian Science Benevolent Association Sanatorium. Its buildings, providing accommodation for something over one hundred inmates, cost over $1,000,000. They are considered among the finest examples of Tudor architecture in New England.

It was announced in the printed matter distributed at the time, that this institution was not to be like a hospital, or the usual kind of sanatorium, but just "a place where expectancy prevails and hope is enthroned." The new institution was declared to be "not an almshouse," but a place where "practical benevolence" was to be dispensed to the extent of its capacity at $24.00 per week "and upward." This institution, built since Mrs. Eddy's decease in 1910, is ostensibly owned by what is known as The Christian Science Benevolent Association Corporation, but this is really but another name for the Directors of The "Mother Church" in Boston.

Notwithstanding that it is described as a place "where expectancy prevails and hope is enthroned," its death record is appalling. For some reason yet to be explained, death certificates were filed at Brookline Town Hall in a large majority of cases in violation of the rule requiring that the full name of an institution be recorded in a certificate when death has occurred in any institution.

Death Record Concealed

Only the street number on Boylston Street was given in almost all of these cases, just as the record would have been if decease had occurred in a private residence. Unless an inquirer is familiar enough with the street numbers and locations to identify scores of these certificates as recording deaths at the Christian Science "Sanatorium," it would appear that a death at that institution has been an exceedingly rare event. Thus has the official public death record concealed, rather than revealed, the facts.

Patients have been found dead in bed, or dead in their chairs, under conditions as gruesome as could be imagined. One tragedy related to the decease of a nationally known motion picture producer, who was dead while his family in a Boston hotel were rejoicing over his healing, as reported from the Sanatorium, over the telephone.

Brookline is the home of three medical hospitals of national reputation—the Corey Hill Hospital, the Brookline General Hospital, and the Brooks Hospital. In point of deaths, during the five-year period since the Christian Science Benevolent Association Sanatorium was established, almost as many persons died in the Christian Science Benevolent Sanatorium as in all three of these famous medical hospitals together, and eighteen more Christian Scientists died in Brookline during this period than in all three of them.

Result Staggering

If the total deaths in Brookline under Christian Science treatment during the period, as compared with those in private medical hospitals in that town for the same time, are compared with the small percentage of Christian Scientists in Brookline to the total population of that town, the resulting figure are staggering, as they have been declared to be during the past few years in many other localities.

The tragedies that have been permitted in the name of Christian Science by its overzealous devotees have largely justified the widespread prejudice against it.

The Christian Science Parent Church, the independent minority movement in Christian Science, is endeavouring to bring a new spirit of sanity and common sense into the practice of mental healing. It recognizes the unselfish, humanitarian labours of the medical profession in alleviating human suffering. It likewise recognises the vital function of spiritual forces in relation to health. It is convinced that there exists a basis of co-operation on which medicine and religion may thrive together for the advancement of world health.

Commercialised Faith-Cure

Since Mrs. Eddy's death, Christian Science practice has very largely become a commercialised faith-cure. The record of disease and death among Christian Scientists during the last few years is appalling. Because of a superstition that the use of a drug is an evil and the employment of medical aid tantamount to a confession that Christian Science has failed, the majority of the adherents of that faith turn to medical assistance only as a last resort, usually secretly and with the depressing conviction that they are committing a positive sin.

Such an attitude tends to nullify the work of the physician and deplete the patient's mental capacity for recuperation. Frequently the doctor is called only when death is considered imminent, and to prevent, if possible, the embarrassment of an inquest.

But a new definition of the term "Christian Science" is being established. The inconsistencies which have been associated with Christian Science in the public mind have been caused principally by ignorance of its actual teachings, its basic doctrines.

The absurd superficial assertion to the sick, "Nothing ails you; you just think you are sick," is as far from expressing legitimate Christian Science as commercialised medical charlatanism is from the earnest efforts of qualified physicians.

Enlightened public opinion will soon learn to differentiate between the intelligent and progressive practice of Christian Science and its illegitimate expressions.

Co-operation of Medicine

Take for instance the great interest shown by Press and public, when, a few months ago there came a declaration from this new independent minority movement in Christian Science, The Christian Parent Church, that co-operation between physicians and Christian Scientists is not only desirable, but in many cases essential to the attainment of the best results in healing.

This organisation maintains that the work of the Christian Scientist is limited to the teaching of spiritual truth, and to removing fear and other unhealthful moral conditions. Its members are forbidden by their Church By-laws to meddle in any way with medical or surgical practice, but must leave such work to those who are qualified and legally authorised for that responsibility. Neither shall a practitioner of this Church render his services unless both patients and attending physicians request his aid.

Spiritual healing has a definite place in therapeutic practice. Therefore, in order that it may be utilised under such conditions as will keep it within its proper field and insure the maximum results, we bespeak the intelligent co-operation of the medical fraternity.

A Radical Departure

This viewpoint represents a radical departure from the theory and practice of the older Boston Christian Science organisation, which officially declares that "Advocating co-operation between Christian Science and medicine is an absolute denial of the Christ, Truth."

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Our critic's letter presented an anomaly in that it was headed "Metaphysical Quackery." Now, metaphysics is defined as the "science of being or onotology," whilst a "quack" is defined as "a boastful pretender to medical skill." But since medical practice does not enter into pure metaphysics, there is no such thing as "metaphysical quackery." To apply such a distorted term to Christian Science healing and to designate Christian Science practitioners as "quacks" only emphasizes our critic's failure to understand genuine Christian Science practice as taught by Mrs. Eddy.

A Christian Science practitioner may be truly described as a modern disciple of Jesus Christ, faithfully engaged in striving to obey his command to heal the sick through the power of God. Sometimes Christian Science practitioners are not successful in effective a cure, just as Jesus' disciples did not always bring about healing, but the Master Physician never failed and Christian Scientists know that in proportion as they gain more of "the mind that was in Christ Jesus," their failures will become rarer and rarer.

It is to be observed that our critic's letter simply illustrates a misleading form of opposition to the Christian Science movement as founded by Mrs. Eddy and indicates that tendency to "materialism" which constitutes the greatest danger to-day. Referring to this phase, Mr. Charles W. J. Tennant, District Manager of the Committees on Publication for Great Britain and Ireland writes in a recent report: "It is interesting to note that many religious writers and thinkers are in agreement that there is to-day one common foe, the spirit of materialism. For instance, Dr. Temple, the new Archbishop of York, speaking of the deep struggle that he sees going on in the minds of men, said, "It is not a contest between East and West, but everywhere it is a great contrast between those who have been moulded by the faith enshrined in the Bible, and those who have not. "There was," he said, "no rival faith. But there is a powerful, insidious, and omnipresent opponent, materialism." This explains in part one phase of the attacks which have been made on our beloved Leader, our Church, and on the teachings of Christian Science during the past year. These attacks have come from people who cannot apprehend Mrs. Eddy's life nor understand the spiritual teaching of the religion she founded, and who consequently would adulterate Christian Science with materialism."

Yours, etc.,
W. H. ADLER.

Christian Science Committee on Publication for H.K.
Hong Kong, March 14.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day — Queen's Theatre; "The Actress," also Sam Ku West and his Paradise Harmony Boys.

To-day — World Theatre; "It."

To-day — Star Theatre; "The Play Girl."

To-day — Majestic Theatre; "Kosker Kitty Kelly."

Mar. 21—Final concert, organised by Mrs. Wyatt, at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Lammerts' Auctions

Mar. 15, 16 — At 3, Bowen-road, a part of Mrs. C. Montague Ede's valuable household furniture, from 11 a.m.

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Mar. 18—At P.W.D. offices, two lots of Crown land at Shamshuipo and Mongkok, respectively, 3 p.m.

Sports

March 16—St. Peter's Church Y.M.C.'s Marathon Race, 3 p.m.

March 24—Fanling Hunt: Grand National Meeting.

Meetings

To-day — Marine Engineers' Guild (H.K. branch) meeting at 67, Des Voeux-rd., Ctl., 6 p.m.

Mar. 16.—Ordinary yearly meeting of Shareholders of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Exchange Bgd., Des Voeux-rd. Central, noon.

Mar. 18—Meeting of Diocesan conference, Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

Mar. 22—Fortieth annual meeting of shareholders of The Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., P. & O. Building, 11 a.m.

March 24—Fanling Hunt Steeplechases.

March 26—Sixtieth general meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

Mar. 27—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Bldg., noon.

Miscellaneous

March 26—Annual inspection of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Murray Parade ground, 5.15 p.m.

The following have been adopted as candidates at the general election in the constituencies stated: Major Hasbark Evans (Soc.), Maldon, Essex; Mr. William Vesteys (Lib.), Central Southwark; Mr. Herbert Elvin (Soc.), Spen Valley, Yorkshire.

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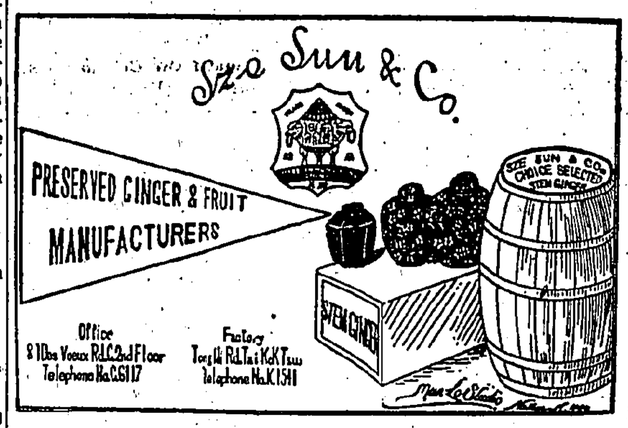

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STAMP ORDINANCE

CHAMBER AND AMENDMENT BILL

COMMITTEE'S OPINION

In the annual report of the General Chamber of Commerce we read:—

A draft Bill to amend the Stamp Ordinance of 1921 was published in the "Gazette" of November 9, 1928, the object of the Bill, as stated in objects and reasons, being to prevent the evasion of estate and stamp duties by providing that transfer of shares shall contain the true date of execution by the transferor and that registration of transfers shall be effected promptly. Provision is made for the payment of late registration duty and for payment of a nominal duty of $2 in the case of transfers to or by authorised bankers, where the transfer is executed by way of security for a loan, and in the case of transfers to authorised dealers.

The Chamber on December 11, communicated to the Government the opinion of the Committee that the Bill, as drafted, would not succeed in accomplishing its objects, questioning whether evasion of duties was of a sufficiently serious nature to warrant restrictions being placed on legitimate investments by the general public.

Letter to Government

The Government replied on December 15, 1928, asking for the more detailed comments of the Committee and on February 4, 1929, the Chamber addressed the following letter to the Government:—

"It was hoped that the 'many difficulties' mentioned by the Attorney General in 1921 when explaining the Stamp Bill to the Council, which were sufficient to warrant abandonment of Clause 29 dealing with late registration—which difficulties still exist—would have been fully appreciated in connection with the present Bill, and that no further detailed explanation would have been called for.

"The Government has had an opportunity of considering the petition prepared by Messrs. Lo and Lo, on behalf, principally, of the Stock Exchange and Sharebrokers' Association. The Committee will not therefore go over the same ground in detail, remarking, in passing, that the Stock and Share Brokers are not members of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Committee assumes that the Government looks to the Chamber for an expression of the view of the mercantile and investing community.

"The Committee desires to mention, inter alia, the following points which appear to make the Bill in its present form impracticable and objectionable.

Evasions

"The 'Objects and Reasons' of the Bill as stated by the Attorney General are to prevent (1) The evasion of Estate Duty, (2) Evasion of Stamp Duty.

As to (1), evasion of Estate Duty; it is submitted:—

(a) That the law if amended as proposed would give the Government very little additional power, and for that reason is unlikely to achieve the object sought.

(b) It is obviously unfair to legislate against the whole investing community in the endeavour to prevent the evasion of estate duties by a few. It is suggested that powers to deal with this are already given in the Estate Duty Ordinances, 1916, Section 10 (penalties for intermeddling), and should this clause have proved in practice to be inadequate possibly it could be strengthened.

"As to (2) evasion of Stamp Duty, as already recalled,

(a) difficulties were admitted by the Attorney General in the debate on the Stamp Ordinance of 1921, regarding Clause 29—dealing with late registration duty. The clause was definitely abandoned. The Attorney General stated that—

"On the whole the best thing will be not to introduce that duty but to accept the suggestion made by the Stockbrokers' Association to increase the stamp duty on share contract notes instead."

(b) It is also on record that the late Mr. A. G. Stephen pronounced his definite opinion that the clause was unworkable and had been wisely abandoned.

(c) The report of the Stocks and Shares Commission 1925 states—

"It is difficult to deal with the situation by legislation. Legislation must be fair and impartial, and there is no more reason why it should be aimed at dealings in stocks and shares than at dealings in any other commodity. Speculation takes place in many other things besides stocks and shares, and one can instance the great amount of speculation which takes place here and elsewhere when times are opportune in various commodities and also in the currencies of foreign countries. The soundness of this view is borne out by the fact that none of the world's big stock exchanges are governed by legislation but by rules made binding by them upon their members and very rigidly enforced in order that the reputation of the particular exchange may be upheld."

Bankers v. Brokers

It is interesting to note that six of the eight signatories of this report were not brokers, and that two of those six signatories were bankers, one being Mr. A. H. Barlow, the then Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

(d) Shareholders will be deprived of their rights to vote where shares are hypothecated and registered in the name of the Bank's nominee as required by the Bill. At the same time Companies would be unable to obtain a representative attendance of shareholders at meetings.

(e) The effect will be to make the share registers of Companies purely fictitious, in addition to causing a great deal of clerical labour and delay in dealing with transfers.

(f) The Bill will tend severely to restrict dealing in any shares having a liability, as no bank will consent to transfer such share scrip into the name of the bank's nominee. This would apply even to shares of the highest standing and would affect many of the leading companies.

(g) The legislation savours of partiality in that the $2.00 stamp facility is restricted to a list of authorised banks. In many instances shares are deposited with persons and institutions other than Banks as security for transactions in the ordinary course of trade.

(b) Share transfers are considered to be "moveable property" under Section 3 (15), Definitions contained in the Stamp Ordinance, 1921 (No. 3 of 1921).

(i) In the 1921 debate attention was called to the risk of driving capital away from Hong Kong, and it is submitted that the present amending Bill tends in this direction, especially as it reintroduces proposals then condemned and abandoned. It is unreasonable for the Hong Kong legislature to introduce measures which will place Hong Kong at a disadvantage as compared with neighbouring ports, particularly Shanghai, where transfer deeds require no stamp whatever.

(j) In the Chamber's letter of December 11, it was mentioned that the proposed legislation would tend to encourage forward business and the opportunity is taken of further stressing this point as stock exchange transactions have now, after a very difficult period, been placed almost entirely on a cash basis, and it would be regrettable to introduce any legislation which would have a retrograde effect in this respect.

Destructive Criticism

"The Committee realises that the foregoing criticism is entirely of a destructive nature, but finds it difficult to suggest constructive measures that would assist the Government in achieving its objects on the lines of the proposed legislation.

"On reflection, it will be realised that in practice, under the existing regulations, the investor who has shares transferred pays a comparatively high tax, which in many instances the speculator avoids, and it is thought that this creates a somewhat undesirable and anomalous state of affairs.

"The Committee ventures to suggest that the transfer Stamp Duty be abolished, but that the amount of transfer Stamp Duty be added on to the contract Stamp Duty, save that the *seller* be not required to pay contract Stamp Duty. The result would be that, on every purchase of shares, the *purchaser* would pay the transfer Stamp Duty and his contract Stamp Duty, the Government relinquishing the seller's contract Stamp Duty, which is small in amount.

"The Committee is somewhat diffident in putting forward a suggestion on the above lines lest it be misconstrued into a recommendation to add to the present taxes, and on that account wishes to emphasise the fact that the Colony is slowly recovering from the severe setback of 1925 and is in no way prepared to face additional taxation, which would tend to discourage the free flow of capital into the Colony to finance local undertakings and industries.

"It is desired to take this opportunity of recommending that, if the Government adopts the suggestion contained in paragraph 9 of this letter and it is estimated that an increased revenue would result therefrom, the Transfer Stamp Duty might be reuced from 20 cents to 10 cents per $100.

"The Committee begs to point out to the Government that the uncertainty caused by publication of the Draft Bill has had a very marked effect on all local share transactions and it is therefore earnestly requested that an early decision be made with regard to the proposed legislation."

Ruth Chatterton.

CHINESE LANGUAGE

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CHAMBER'S TRIBUTE

At the end of 1927 (states the report of the General Chamber of Commerce) the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., wrote tendering his resignation as honorary independent examiner to the Chamber's Chinese Language School, stating that his decision, which was necessitated by increasing pressure of public and private affairs, was come to with considerable regret as the work he had been doing in connection with the School since April 1921, had been a labour of love. The Chamber replied that Dr. Kotewall's letter of resignation had been received by the Committee with very great regret. The special services rendered for several years in the capacity of honorary examiner had been much valued and would with difficulty be replaced. The Committee and the commercial community were greatly in Dr. Kotewall's debt. Mr. Wong Tak-kwong kindly undertook to act as honorary Independent Chinese examiner in succession to Dr. Kotewall, and Mr. K. S. Morrison, a member of the Chinese Language School Sub-committee, has been good enough to accept the appointment of honorary associate examiner.

Sessions Duplicated

A new class for beginners commenced in May, 1928, and the response from the younger members of business staffs was such that the sessions had to be duplicated, half the new students meeting at 5.15 p.m. and the other half at 6.15 p.m. on three evenings a week. In addition the students work for an hour on five days a week with an individual teacher, for the purpose of conversational practice). The advanced class reached the end of its course in January, 1929, and another beginners' class was formed early in February, also with an enrolment large enough to justify conducting the classes in duplicate.

ACTRESS KILLED

STRUCK BY FALLING STAGE SCENERY

Miss Gladys Francis, aged 28, the principal boy in the pantomime, "The Forty Thieves," at the Grand Theatre, Brighton, died in hospital recently. She lived at Brixton, S.W. S.W.

While Miss Francis was on the stage at the end of a matinee, a piece of scenery fell on her. She made light of her injury, but on the following day a doctor ordered her removal to hospital. An X-ray examination showed that she had injured her spine, and an operation was necessary.

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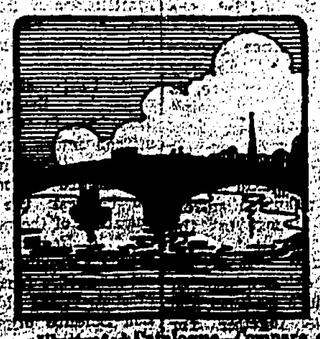
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HOME FOOTBALL

SCOTTISH AND SEMI-FINAL DRAW

ENGLISH LEAGUE RESULTS

London, Yesterday.

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The draw for the semi-final of the Scottish Cup has resulted:—

Kilmarnock v. Celtic, at Ibrox Park, Glasgow.

Rangers v. St. Mirren, at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

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English League

The following matches were decided in the English League:—

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Portsmouth 2, Blackburn 2.
Liverpool 2, West Ham 1.

Second Division

Notts County 4, Chelsea 3.
Reading 3, Wolves 0.

Third Division (South)

Brentford 0, Bournemouth 0.

Third Division (North)

Chesterfield 1, Carlisle 2.

—Reuter.

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wednesday	33	18	8	7	69	47	44
Sunderland	33	17	6	10	78	53	40
Leicester	31	15	7	9	73	54	37
Blackburn	31	15	7	9	62	46	37
Derby	33	15	7	11	67	56	37
Aston Villa	31	16	4	11	71	61	36
Leeds	31	14	6	11	59	69	34
Newcastle	33	14	5	14	57	65	33
Arsenal	31	11	10	10	54	54	32
Birmingham	31	12	7	12	58	60	31
Everton	30	14	3	13	51	49	31
Huddersfield	30	12	6	12	58	42	30
Bolton	31	11	8	12	58	55	30
Liverpool	31	11	8	12	68	53	30
Manch City	32	11	7	14	69	73	29
Burnley	32	12	5	15	64	82	29
West Ham	32	11	7	14	67	75	29
Sheffield U.	32	10	8	14	67	71	28
Manch. Un.	32	7	11	14	44	64	25
Cardiff	33	8	9	16	37	45	25
Bury	30	9	6	15	43	70	24
Portsmouth	31	10	3	8	42	71	23

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Middlesbro'	33	17	9	7	76	49	43
Notts. Cnty.	33	16	8	9	62	47	40
Grimsby	31	17	5	9	66	50	39
Chelsea	32	15	9	8	56	43	39
S'thampton	32	11	14	7	55	43	36
Millwall	30	14	7	9	60	53	35
Bradford	31	16	3	12	66	53	35
Stoke	32	12	10	10	51	37	34
Preston N.E.	32	14	5	13	65	60	33
Blackpool	32	13	6	13	65	59	32
Notts For.	32	11	10	11	54	56	32
Hull	31	10	9	12	49	55	29
Wolves	32	11	7	14	64	64	29
Tottenham	31	13	3	15	54	65	29
Oldham	32	12	4	16	42	62	28
West Brom.	30	11	6	13	54	66	28
Reading	32	10	8	14	50	68	28
Swansea	32	10	8	14	53	60	28
Bristol C.	32	10	6	16	48	62	26
Clapton	32	9	8	15	36	55	26
Port Vale	32	12	1	19	60	66	25
Barnsley	32	10	4	18	47	60	24

Division III. (South).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Northant	31	16	7	8	70	41	39
Luton	31	15	9	7	62	51	39
Charlton	29	16	6	7	65	45	38
Crystal P.	29	16	6	7	57	46	38
Queen's P.R.	31	14	10	7	61	50	38
Plymouth	30	13	10	7	58	42	36
Fulham	31	15	6	10	77	55	36
Watford	29	15	4	10	54	52	34
B'mouth	30	13	8	9	62	57	34
Coventry	32	12	9	11	49	39	33
Southend	31	11	10	10	62	53	32
Swindon	29	11	9	9	54	52	31
Walsall	31	10	11	10	58	62	31
Brentford	32	11	8	13	43	46	30
Brighton	30	10	5	15	42	56	25
Torquay	30	11	2	17	52	64	24
Bristol R.	30	9	5	16	43	58	23
Norwich	30	10	3	17	48	52	23
Newport	29	8	6	15	44	59	22
Gillingham	31	7	7	17	35	61	21
Merthyr	31	7	6	18	41	82	20
Exeter	29	6	7	16	43	66	19

Division III. (North)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Stockport	32	20	5	7	91	46	45
Bradford C.	32	18	8	6	98	40	44
Wrexham	32	17	9	6	74	50	43
Doncaster	31	15	8	8	58	50	38
Carlisle	35	16	8	11	73	63	40
Wigan	30	15	6	9	55	36	36
Lincoln	32	15	6	11	67	57	36
N. Brighton	32	13	6	13	56	54	32
Crewe	31	13	6	12	55	52	32
Tranmere	31	15	2	14	51	66	32
S. Shields	31	12	7	12	58	57	31
Chesterfield	31	14	3	14	59	57	31
Nelson	33	14	3	16	60	69	31
Halifax	31	10	10	11	48	47	30
Southport	31	11	7	13	56	65	29
Rochdale	32	10	8	14	69	78	28
Rotherham	31	11	6	14	47	57	28

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LAWN TENNIS

TOURNAMENT RESULTS AT THE H.K.C.C.

Yesterday the following tennis ties were decided at the H.K.C.C.:—

Open Doubles.—L. Goldman and J. S. McEachran beat A. D. Humphreys and R. K. Valentine 6-2, 6-1, 6-4; E. F. and E. C. Fincher beat J. W. Leonard and Dr. Bodiker 6-2, 4-6, 8-6, 6-2.

Handicap Singles "A".—O. E. C. Marton beat O. C. Womack 6-3, 7-5.

Handicap Singles "B".—A. C. I. Bowker beat P. E. Barker 6-1, 6-3.

To-day's Matches

The following matches are scheduled for to-day:

Handicap Singles "A". — A. Piercy v. C. H. Bradley; L. Forster v. W. A. Nowers.

Open Championship Singles.—E. C. Fincher v. R. M. Henderson, Luk Ding-cheung v. S. A. Rumjahn.

Handicap Doubles. — H. J. Armstrong and J. G. Lawrie v. A. Reid and J. A. Summers; H. Graves and C. L. Sandes v. G. N. de Man and C. Stigter; R. P. Moodie and M. D. Scott v. C. W. E. Bishop and W. Woodward.

Club Championship. — G. W. Sewell and R. K. Valentine.

Mixed Doubles.—E. R. Price and Miss Moffatt v. Col. and Mrs. Wyatt.

PONIES SOLD

LATE MR. H. P. WHITE'S STABLE

Discards of the annual race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, and ponies of the late Mr. H. P. White's stable were auctioned at the Jockey Club Stables, Causeway Bay, yesterday afternoon.

The complete list of ponies auctioned and the prices fetched is as under:—

Name	Price.
San Francisco	$825
Szatmar	560
Dark Eyes	550
Tarmacadam	500
Mongolian Stag	350
King's Parade	350
Chestnut thoroughbred	350
Duke of Melrose	300
Fat Choy	200
The Jungle Book	195
Inca	180
Twilight Eve	165
Sunny Day	135
Chicot	130
Recreio	105
Bay Beret	100
The Farmer	100
Pumelo	100
Nestor	100
The Haugh	100
Silver Stag	100
Green Jade	100
Sheila	100
Buff Jacket	95
Nero	95
Civility	90
Madcap	90
Loch Tay	90
Eclipse Eve	90
Ole Man River	85
Samaritan	85
Marcus	80
Rosy Day	80
Spark Plug	75
Gold Stag	75

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Accrington	31	10	5	16	52	62	25
Darlington	32	9	6	17	51	67	24
Barrow	30	8	6	16	48	67	22
Hartlepools	33	8	6	19	40	37	22
Ashington	34	7	5	22	40	94	19

SHIELD COMPETITION

Kowloon's Team Against Athletic

The following will represent the Kowloon 1st XI. v. Chinese Athletic on the Hong Kong Football Club ground on Saturday (kick off at 4.45 p.m.):—

Angus; Guest, Pile; Dowman, Easterbrook, Bliss; Eastman, Hedley, Morgan, McKelvie, and Miles.

Reserves:—Spary and Hast.

CRICKET

KOWLOON C.C. TEAM TO MEET HONG KONG C.C.

The following will represent the K.C.C. in their match against the Hong Kong C.C. on the latter's ground on Saturday:—

W. Brace (captain), A. W. Ramsay, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, G. A. V. Hall, N. H. Ross, F. E. Lawrence, Capt. Vedder, J. J. Hirst, S. Jex, and H. Gregory.

University Team

The following will represent the University 1st XI. in a League match against the Royal Artillery on Saturday, at 2 p.m. sharp on the former's ground:—

A. A. Rumjahn (captain), F. I. Zimmern, D. K. Samy, D. Liang, L. T. Ride, A. P. Guterres, C. W. Lam, S. V. Gittins, E. A. Lee, A. T. Lee, and D. J. N. Anderson.

BOAT RACE

FULL COURSE TRIAL BY OXFORD

London, Yesterday.

Oxford rowed the full course trial from Putney to Mortlake in 19 minutes 13 seconds.—Reuter.

[A London cable of March 2, stated:—Both the 'Varsity boat race crews are showing steady improvement, more particularly Cambridge, and the race is now expected to be very open.]

H.M. DOCKYARD

FAREWELL TO POPULAR MEMBER OF STAFF

MR. G. SWINYARD

Mr. G. Swinyard, Leading Man in the office in Charge of Works Department, who is leaving the local Dockyard on appointment to England after a stay of three years in the Colony, was accorded a hearty send-off at the Dockyard Recreation Club Rooms last evening when the members of the Club presented him with a handsome timepiece as a souvenir of his service in Hong Kong and good feeling of his fellow clubmates generally.

Mr. Gobert, Foreman of Works, was in the chair, and Mr. G. P. Heney, officer in Charge of Works, made the presentation to Mr. Swinyard with felicitious remarks.

Mr. Swinyard, in responding, thanked all his old friends for their presence and their kindly farewell gathering and expressed the hope that he would one day again serve at Hong Kong, of which he retained very happy memories.

An extremely clever musical programme was interspersed with the farewell and congratulatory speeches, Messrs.:—Hughes (senior and junior), C. Bennett, Hampson, and Smith giving a varied and clever entertainment with piano, violin, mandoline, concertina and song.

"Auld Lang Syne" was rendered with much enthusiasm and "The King" was duly honoured, thus concluding a happy evening at the Dockyard Recreation Club.

MISSING WEAPONS

ARREST OF POLICE STATION "BOY"

FULLY LOADED REVOLVERS

The remaining of the three revolvers and two holsters which were stolen from No. 2 Police Station on March 8, has been recovered.

In connection with the theft of the revolvers, which were fully loaded, the Police have made three arrests, including a station "boy."

It may be remembered that following the disappearance of the revolvers, the Police arrested a youth with one of the weapons in his possession. He was taken to Yaumati and pointed out a man in the street who, he alleged, had been concerned in the affair.

This man bolted, and chase was given in the course of which shots were exchanged with the fugitive. Two Chinese girls and a boy were hit by stray bullets. Two were injured in the legs, but not seriously. One of the girls, who was wounded in the cheek, died in hospital from her injury.

The run away man succeeded in escaping for the time being, but was later arrested by the Police.

FORGED RECEIPTS

CHINESE PLEADS GUILTY TO UTTERING

A FIRST OFFENDER

Wong Yung-shing, who had been remanded several times on charges of the alleged uttering of forged water receipts and fraudulently demanding payment on these receipts from the owners of the s.s. "Hydrangea," made another appearance before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning.

There were four charges in connection with ten vouchers, which accused presented, and which were alleged to bear the forged signatures of Mr. H. L. Pett and Mr. A. Langenberg, respectively, the Second Officer and Second Engineer of the "Hydrangea." Accused sought payment of $433 on these documents, which purported to be for water supplied to the ship.

The accused was represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby who pleaded "guilty" to the charges. In a plea for leniency, counsel mentioned that his client was illiterate, and was led to commit the offence by another man who was the prime mover in the fraud. Accused had been in custody for several weeks pending the hearing of the case.

For the prosecution, Mr. G. G. N. Tinson said that their view was that restitution having been made to their satisfaction, and having regard to the fact that accused was illiterate and not the principal in the fraud, he should be treated leniently as a first offender.

The Magistrate decided to bind the accused over as a first offender to come up for sentence if called upon.

KILLED BY BUS

WHEEL PASSES OVER BOY'S HEAD

YAUMATI FATALITY

A nine-year old Chinese boy named Tsz Sam, of No. 46, Reclamation-street, Yaumati, was the victim of the motor 'bus accident yesterday afternoon.

The lad ran out of Argyle-street into Reclamation-street and got in front of motor 'bus No. 129 of the China 'Bus Co. which was just then crossing the junction.

Although the driver immediately applied the brakes, it was imposible to pull up the vehicle, and the boy was knocked over. The off side front wheel of the 'bus passed over the unfortunate lad's head, which was badly crushed. Death was instantaneous.

"CARRIER" OF OPIUM

CHINESE TO PAY FINE OF $2,000

Pleading "guilty" before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy, this morning, to a charge of unlawful possession of 20 taels of prepared non-Government opium, a Chinese who was described as a "carrier" was fined $2,000, or, in default, six months' hard labour.

The man was arrested yesterday afternon on the Hoi On wharf, and the drug was found concealed under his waist band.

Princess Mary has been elected president of the Yorkshire Beekeepers' Association, stated to be the largest society of the kind in the world.

Of the 256 persons convicted at Middlesex Sessions last year 172 were charged with burglary or housebreaking.

JAPANESE DIET

"FILIBUSTERING" AND WEEK'S RESIGN OF DISORDER

SPEAKER RESIGNS

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The invasion of the Japanese Diet by American style "filibustering," together with a week's reign of disorder has caused Mr. Hajime Motoda, a member of the Diet since its inception in 1890, to resign as Speaker of the Lower House, though ostensibly his resignation is due to illness.

In the twelve days remaining, the Minseito proletarians have undertaken to talk to death one of Baron Tanaka's pet bills, re-organising the election constituencies advantageously to the Seiyukai.

During the past there days the Opposition has successfully blocked progress with speeches lasting four and five hours, arousing the ire of the ministerialists. The diet guards have been frequently called out to quell clashes, which have passed the verbal stage.

Mr. Motoda confesses himself unable to maintain order.

The unruliness in the Diet has become a matter of national concern, the Press and public alike decrying what is characterised as a national shame, and discrediting all Parliamentary institutions.

Disorders have characterised the Diet sessions since the beginning, but have never been so prolonged and bitter as at present, with the unpopular Tanaka Cabinet, stubbornly refusing to give ground before the angry Opposition clamour. —Reuter.

THE NORTHANTS

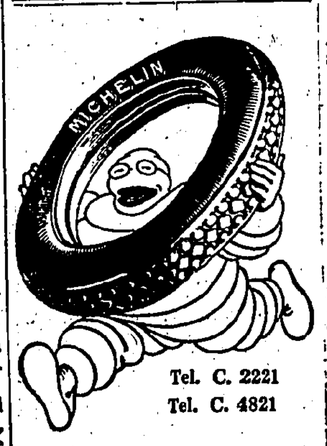
THE REGIMENT'S FAREWELL TO SHANGHAI

When H.M. Transport "Dorsetshire" with the Northants on board drew away from the Old Ningpo Wharf at noon, (says the "N. C. Daily News" of March 4) there was great regret felt by those on shore. Besides the remainder of the 1st Batt. the Northamptonshire Regiment, there were in the "Dorsetshire" about 100 of the 2nd Suffolks, some 30 Welch, details from the R.A.S.C., the R.A.M.C., the 1st Border Regiment from Tientsin and Royal Scots.

Col. Mostyn, ex-O. C. the Norfolks and as senior officer, was O. C. the "Dorsetshire," Major Hunter, Major Scales, Father George Carlisle, the Rev. Messrs. Chaplain, Stockdale, Bohn (Chaplains to H.M. Forces), and Capt. Bucknall were among the officers to leave.

Major-General A. E. Wardrop, Brig. Borrett, and Col. Brownrigg, and a large complement of officers were down for the farewell. As many as three companies of uniformed men attended. The band of the Norfolks likewise was present.

Eight bells had just been struck when the last hawser was cast off, and as the St. Dominic pulled the transport away from the wharf a burst of cheers resounded from ship to shore, mingled with the strains of "Auld Lang Syne."



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BRINGING UP FATHER.

PRIZE DAY

DISTRIBUTION AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Last evening the annual distribution of prizes of St. Joseph's College and its branch schools took place in the College Hall, Kennedy-road, in the presence of a large gathering of parents of the students, Old Boys and friends of the College.

The prizes were handed to the successful students by Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University. Others present were His Lordship, the Rt. Rev. Bishop H. Valtorta, D.D., the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Rev. Fr. Byrne, S.J., Rev. Fr. Gallagher, S.J., M. Dufaure de la Prade (French Consul), Soeur Beatrice (Mother Superior of the French Convent), Mr. and Mrs. Woo Hay-tong, and many others.

Prior to the ceremony, a concert arranged by the Rev. Fr. Riganti, was greatly enjoyed by the gathering. In addition to Fr. Riganti, those contributing to the excellent programme were Prof. E. Gualdi, Mr. J. Braga, the College Choir, and a number of students of the College.

Director's Comments

Rev. Bro. Aimar, Director of the College, in presenting the annual report said:—

On behalf of the Staff and students, I bid you a cordial welcome to the College. When after a lapse of two years, I asked you Sir, to distribute again the Prizes to our boys, I felt that you would kindly accede to my request, for Education is your domain. Your genial presence at a function of this kind is an encouragement to both teachers and pupils. It is also a reminder to those among our students who have completed their course of studies here, as certified by the Matriculation diplomas which they shall receive at your hands to-day, that they stand at the cross-roads.

In the near future, the Jesuit Fathers will be pleased to welcome some of them as residents of Ricci Hall and the Vice-Chancellor will gladly enroll them as undergraduates of the University.

In so far as time and means render it feasible, a university course is very desirable as being the crowning of their work and ours. There is ample evidence that men of real foresight are in favour of six years of primary education, to be followed by three of more liberal training, before the cross-roads are reached. In Hong Kong, we land our students on the threshold of the University in eight years—not without some danger of cramming. The best safeguard against cramming is an examiner who knows his business and I am glad to say that the local Examinations do separate the good grain from the chaff. We feel however, students would be much better qualified for a university course, if a longer period were devoted to giving them a more comprehensive and more thorough knowledge of the essential branches: English, Mathematics and Science.

Review of Activities

The following is a brief review of our activities in 1928. Mr. G. P. de Martin spent four days in visiting our 19 divisions. He drew my attention to a few details which, while not affecting the satisfactory nature of the report, require improvement. One of the remarks refers to the insufficient use of Geography and History lessons.

"The School buildings are in every way suitable. The equipment is excellent. *Attendance*: On the roll 727. (682 in 1927). Present at inspection, 686. (655 in 1927).

Organisation: Classes 1 to 8, of which 2, 3, 4, and 5 are in three divisions. The uniformity in the Remove and upper classes is a good sign. *Discipline*: Excellent. I was favourably impressed with the good manners and general behaviour of the boys. Teaching was bright, the boys on the whole responsive and the atmosphere of the school cheerful. I am satisfied that good work is being done."

The University examination, having taken place a month earlier, the College Annual examination was held in November and the promotions were made in the first week of December. This arrangement is fairly satisfactory and will be maintained in future years.

Seventy boys out of 120 were promoted from class 8 to class 2. The raising of the standard of work for promotion in 1927, had an influence on the examination results. There was an increase of 15 per cent, in the Junior Local passes and I feel confident that future results will be better still.

Examination Results

In the last examination, of 103 Junior candidates who sat, 43 passed gaining 58 distinctions; 2 in English, 18 in Arithemtic, 8 in Algebra and Geometry, 3 in French and 1 in Chinese. Only those who pass the Junior Local are promoted to Class 1 and the excellent results obtained in the Matriculation and Senior Local examination, justify the soundness and continuance of this policy, to which I am glad to say, nobody now objects.

Twenty-five candidates were presented for the Matriculation and/or Senior Local Examination. Thirteen passed the Matriculation and 4 the Senior Local. Seven Matriculation candidates were placed in the Honours List and 2 Senior Local candidates were also with Honours. These 17 candidates were awarded 22 Distinctions: 2 in English 18 in Trigonometry, Higher Mathematics and Mechanics and 2 in History.

A notable advance has been made in Science: 9 Matriculation and 36 Junior candidates passed in Physics and Chemistry, gaining 6 Distinctions.

There are now three groups of 16, 33, and 55 students going through their 1st, 2nd and 3rd year course respectively. Parents and pupils begin to realise that an elementary course in Science is an invaluable contribution to a general modern education.

I beg to be allowed to state that our Matriculation results constitute a fine record, all to the credit of the boys themselves and to their teachers.

Junior School

The Junior School in Kowloon, is growing in numbers and efficiency.

Mr. R. Sutherland reports as follows:—

"On the roll, 139. (123 in 1927.) Present at inspection, 129, (117 in 1927.) Discipline very good. All books were examined and found satisfactory. Dictation tests in classes 5 and 6 were very well done. The School is very efficient."

As soon as the plans are completed and approved, work will be started on the site formation for the new school. The current year will certainly see the laying of the foundation stone of La Salle College which should be fully organized not later than December 1931. In this very big undertaking, we shall need the sympathy and practical support of our Old Boys and friends of education.

Sports

The Athletic Sports Meet which was held on the 12th of May at Sookumpoo Valley was a great success, there being a large gathering of supporters and parents. The "Daily Press" remarked that St. Joseph's College has always been in the forefront in contributing its quota of sportsmen to the Colony. This statement is confirmed by the fact that four members of the Interport Football Team this year were Old Boys of St. Joseph's.

The Right Reverend Bishop Valtorta who distributed the prizes reminded the boys that sports make good citizens. His Lordship is right. Sports and Athletics are a means to an end and as such, are a valuable means of education.

Through the kind permission of the Military Authorities, a favour greatly appreciated, both day boys and boarders avail themselves of the Murray Parade Ground for football.

St. John Ambulance Brigade

The St. Joseph's Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade has now so evolved as to be an efficient unit of that beneficent Organisation. Under the guidance of Mr. Robert Choa, who has just been promoted to the rank of Divisional Superintendent, it has done very satisfactory work during the past year. It was on duty at several public functions such as the Grand Tattoo and the Annual Race Meetings; at the Swimming Sports last Autumn it carried off the Championship Shield and several other trophies. The Division vaccinated 6,754 persons since the beginning of the campaign this year.

I must not forget that thanks are due to the unbounded generosity of Mr. Woo Hay Tong, who kindly consented to become the patron of the Division and to contribute $200 a year towards its upkeep.

College Scouts

The small College Troop of Boy Scouts is doing well. Mr. Dragon, a member of the College Staff, is now their Assistant Scout Master.

We wish to extend our congratulations to those of our Old Boys who have achieved success in their studies. At the last Congregation the degree of Bachelor of Medicine was conferred on Mr. Carlos F. Xavier da Roza; the degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering was conferred on Messrs. Hugh Braga and Mok York Chan, and the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred on Cheung Wing-min.

I feel that this survey would be incomplete without a brief reference to the ultimate aim of all our labours, i.e. the fitting of our pupils for life in the fullest sense of the word. We are convinced that this is not possible without a ground-work of moral and religious principles which will furnish them with unchangeable motives for personal development and devotion to duty. Such ought to be their programme whether they specialise or are obliged to seek employment immediately after leaving us. The College course, and even that of the University, cannot do more than put the boy or young man on the way to usefulness in social and civic life. The personal element is an essential factor in all true education. We seek to stimulate this element and to give it scope for exercise in our Old Boys' Association. We are pleased to note that the response on the whole is satisfactory. We hope that by means of a well-equipped library and regular lectures, its scope will be extended in the future.

Old Boys

The year 1928 witnessed a revival in the activities of the College Old Boys' Association. Rev. Father Byrne S. J., gave several well-attended lectures.

A successful Concert was held in the College Hall and the Annual Reunion Dinner presided by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga was a happy termination of a successful year.

Scholarships

The 30 Woo Hay Tong Scholarships, each of the value of $60 a year, have been awarded: 24 on the results of the Annual Examination to boys in the Upper Classes, and 6 holders were nominated by Mr. Woo Hay Tong. My most sincere thanks to Mr. Woo Hay Tong, and I am sure the pupils who are benefiting by his generosity desire me to tender their most grateful thanks to him on their behalf.

I also express my best thanks to all our benefactors: to His Lordship, Bishop Valtorta, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Hong Kong Benevolent Society who pay the fees and defray the cost of books of some of our boys; as also to the Donors of Prizes and Scholarships.

I beg Rev. Father Riganti to accept our best thanks for the time and trouble he has taken in preparing this entertainment. I hope the fact of our having enjoyed it very much will be a little compensation therefor.

It now remains for me to thank you, Sir, for having come to this function; to thank the Rev. Fathers, the Ladies and Gentlemen for the honour of their attendance to-day.

Addressing the gathering prior to giving away the awards, Mr. Hornell congratulated the Directors and Teachers of the College on a very successful year of school work, and thanked Fr. Riganti and his band of performers for the fine concert with which they had been entertained.

After referring to his last visit to the College, Mr. Hornell emphasised the all-sacrificing devotion of the Brothers who left their homes and all they had, to give themselves to their work. In doing so, he said, they were serving a cause which they recognised to be greater than themselves. He commended the spirit of the Brothers to the boys of St. Joseph's College. In the world to-day there were to many people with the ca' canny idea—a policy which sought to do as little as possible and demanded a great deal more than could be given.

He did not say that there were no grievances, but unless they could recover for the workers of the modern world something of that pride in their work which animated the workers of the Renaissance civilization, as they now knew it, was doomed.

In conclusion, Mr. Hornell said that the boys had the world before them and, in the work which lay ahead, they were not to proceed with the niggardliness of those whose highest endeavour in life was never, in any circumstances, to give themselves away. (Applause).

Prize List

The prize winners were:—

Matriculation Class.—M. H. Murphy, Honours; dist. in English, French, Trigonometry, and Mechanics; 1st Prize for English Grammar and Composition (Senior Belilios Scholarship); French Consul's Prize for French; and 1st Prize for Mechanics. F. A. Gill, Honours; dist. in History, Higher Mathematics, Trigonometry; 1st Prize for Higher Mathematics; 2nd Prize for English Literature; 2nd Prize for Arithmetic; and 2nd Prize for English History. Cheung Shiu-ling, Honours; dist. in History and Trigonometry; and 1st Prize for English History. H. F. Gonsalves, Honours; dist. in English and Trigonometry; 1st Prize for English Literature (Edgar Brothers Scholarship); and 1st Prize for Portuguese. Pak Chong-choeun, Honours; dist. in Trigonometry and Mechanics. A. Thomas, Honours; dist. in French and Trigonometry; 1st Prize for French; The Montargis French Prize; and 2nd Prize for Physics and Chemistry. H. W. Wing Lee, Honours; dist. in Trigonometry and Mechanics; 2nd Prize for French; and 2nd Prize for Algebra and Geometry. Woo Pak-cheun, Dist. in Trigonometry; Li Shek-pang gold medal for Chinese; 1st Prize for Algebra and Geometry; 1st Prize for Physics and Chemistry (Woo Hay Tong Scholarship); and 2nd Prize for Trigonometry. Chao Pao-yung, Dist. in Trigonometry. A. F. Noronha, 1st Prize for Arithmetic. G. M. Victor, Dist. in Trigonometry. J. C. Quincey and C. F. Rozario, passes.

Senior Local.—Chau Chu-wan, Honours; dist. in Trigonometry; and 1st Prize for Trigonometry. Ho Siew-um; Honours: dist. in Mechanics; 2nd Prize for Mechanics; and 2nd Prize for Higher Mathematics. Leo Chao Wing Kee, 3rd Prize for English Literature. C. M. Xavier, pass. G. Gordon, Prize for Religious Knowledge.

Junior Local Prizes.—A. A. Chan, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge; 1st Prize for Biblical Knowledge; 1st Prize for English History; and 3rd Prize for Book-keeping. Chan Yu-keung, Distinction in Arithmetic; and 2nd Prize for Chinese. M. Fok Manthim, Distinction in French, Arithmetic and Mathematics; 2nd Prize for French; and 2nd Prize for Drawing. A. A. Guterres, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge; and 2nd Prize for Biblical Knowledge. Kwok Ku-Chang, Distinction in Arithmetic and Mathematics. Lam Ying-sui, Distinction in Mathematics; 2nd Prize for Mechanics; and 3rd Prize for Chemistry. Lee Tse-yen, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge; and 2nd Prize for Chinese. J. M. Lezama, Distinction in Spanish and Biblical Knowledge; and 2nd Prize for English History. Li Shiu-hang, 2nd Prize for Geography. A. A. Noronha, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge; and 1st Prize for Book-keeping. J. J. Paterson, Distinction in English and Arithmetic; and 1st Prize for English (Junior Belilios Scholarship). Liao Shih-yuan, Distinction in Arithmetic, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics and Chinese; 1st Prize for Arithmetic; 1st Prize for Mathematics; 1st Prize for Chemistry Senior (Simon Tse Yan Scholarship); 1st Prize for Chinese; and 3rd Prize for Physics. G. A. V. Ribeiro, Distinction in English and Biblical Knowledge; and 2nd Prize for English. A. P. Rosario, Distinction in Arithmetic and Biblical Knowledge; 2nd Prize for Arithmetic; and 3rd Prize for English. J. F. Remedios, Distinction in Arithmetic, Mathematics and Biblical Knowledge, 2nd Prize for Book-keeping; and 2nd Prize for Biblical Knowledge. G. R. Remedios, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge; 1st Prize for Portuguese (Portuguese Consul General's Prize); and 3rd Prize for English History. J. F. Roza, Distinction in Arithmetic and Biblical Knowledge; and 3rd Prize for Arithmetic. Philip Tai, Distinction in Arithmetic; and 3rd Prize for Drawing. W. Thong, 1st Prize for Geography. J. Toosoon, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge; and 1st Prize for Religious Knowledge. T. N. N. Van Nghi, Distinction in French (Montargis Junior Local Prize); and 1st Prize for Drawing. Woo Pak-foo, Distinction in Arithmetic, Physics and Mathematics; and 2nd Prize for Physics. Woo Pak-yeung, Distinction in Arithmetic and Physics. Yan Si-chiu, Distinction in Arithmetic, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Mechanics; 1st Prize for Physics; 1st Prize for Mechanics; 1st Prize for Arithmetic (Brother Peter Memorial Scholarship); 2nd Prize for Chemistry; and 3rd Prize for Mathematics.

Junior Local Passes.—Chow Hin-yau, Distinction in Mathematics; Chau Yau-cheung, Pass; J. Fan Wong, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge; E. L. Gosano, Pass; Kitson Yeung, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge; Leo Leong Wing Hong, Leung Cheung-yan, Passes; C. L. Lopes, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge; Ma Man, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge; Nguyen van Qui, Distinction in Arithmetic and French; L. A. Ozorio, and A. R. Pinna, Passes; M. L. Roza, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge; A. N. da Silva, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge; P. M. N. da Silva, J. T. Souza, J. Wong Wing Ton, and Wong Siu-leung, Passes; C. M. Xavier, Distinction in Biblical Knowledge.

Class 8A.—1st, Franics Rozario, Prize for Religious Instruction; 2nd Ernest Figueiredo; 3rd George Remedios. Prize for Portuguese; 4th Richard Laurel, Lugard Scholarship; 5th Horacio Ozorio, Prize for Portuguese; Lionel Rozario, Prize for Portuguese; and Ching; Luis Ribeiro, Prize for Portuguese.

Class 8B.—1st Lim Theam-siu; 2nd Ralph Poon; 3rd George Lenz; 4th Thomas Leung; 5th Maurice Ching; Luis Ribeiro, Prize for Portuguese.

Class 8C.—1st Wong Ho-lap; 2nd Leung Che-min; 3rd Leung Lun-Kwan; 4th Chan Chiu-Kit; and 5th Lee Kin-wah.

Class 4A.—C. Wing Lee, Prize for Religious Instruction; 2nd A. Cordeiro; 3rd C. Ghafur; 4th G. Brito; 5th J. O'Sullivan; H. Roza, Prize for Portuguese; L. Silva, Prize for Portuguese.

Class 4B.—Ip Fung Ming-sai; 2nd Wong Sui-lin; 3rd Chow Sing-yip; 4th Fung Ngok-chow; 5th Pak Mau-fun; Silvio Sousa, Prize for Portuguese.

Class 4C.—1st Ho Siu-lai; 2nd Chow Di-cheung; 3rd Lau Wing-

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Class 5B.—1st Fung Chuk-yin, Old Boys' Scholarship; 2nd Sydney Lee; 3rd Woo Pak-Kwai; 4th Li Fook-shiu; 5th Mok Kai-yee.

Class 5C.—1st Yuen Hoi-yuen, Old Boys' Scholarship; 2nd Chan Hon-pui; 3rd Joseph Fok; 4th Wong Shiu-Kwong; 5th Fong Man-Lit.

Class 6A.—1st Leonard Sanh; 2nd Abdul Slam; 3rd James Hun, Prize for Religious Knowledge; 4th Franklin Elarte; 5th August Ching.

Class 6B.—1st Ho Hung-chiu; 2nd Young Tze-Hong; 3rd Winson Yu; 4th Chan Sheong-chi; 5th Chan Oi-wai.

Class 7A.—1st K. Nakamoto; 2nd K. Carroll; 3rd M. Kawamura; 4th T. Vas; 5th Ph. To Soon.

Class 7B.—1st Kwok Kam-mok; 2nd Kee Yan-shing; 3rd Chu Yan-kit; 4th Leung Kin-On 5th Fong Chong-lam; Kwong Yuen-Choy, Prize for Religious Instruction.

Class 8A.—1st Luk Shing-kei; 2nd S. Sakai; 3rd Peter Lam; 4th Henrique Rozario; 5th S. Hori; Thomas Maher, Prize for Religious Instruction.

Class 8B.—1st Kwok Siu-fai; 2nd Yik Kai-kong; 3rd Pun Kwong-sang; 4th Tsui Tak-hoi; 5th Chan Siu-wing.

Junior School Prizes

Prizes won by students of the Junior School, Kowloon, were:—

Class 5.—1st Ricardo Xavier, Old Boys' Scholarship; 2nd Lionel Osmund; 3rd Leo Remedios; 4th Alberto Xavier; 5th Damaso d'Aquino, Prize for Portuguese; Armando Xavier, Prize for Religious Knowledge; Leo Sousa, Prize for Portuguese.

Class 6.—1st Arthur Gomes; 2nd David Demee; 3rd Lionel Rodrigues, 1st Prize for Portuguese,; 4th So Yuet-wah; 5th Alfred Demee; Jos. Rozario, Prize for Religious Instruction; Turibio da Cruz, 2nd Prize for Portuguese.

Class 7.—1st Roland Soares; 2nd Cesaro Rozario; 3rd George Rosario; 4th Luigi Remedios; 5th Sonny Castro; E. Noronha, Prize for Religious Instruction.

Class 8.—1st Alberto Botelho; 2nd Jose Xavier; 3rd Paulo Jose; 4th Albert Sze; 5th Charlie Quinn; Dicky da Silva, Prize for Religious Instruction.

Portuguese School

Prizes awarded by Associacao Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos for the Portuguese School, were won by:—

Class VI. (Kowloon).—Leonel Rodrigues and Turibio da Cruz.

Class V. (Kowloon).— Damaso Aquino and Leo Sousa.

Class IV. A (Hong Kong).—Henrique Roza and Leoncio Silva.

Class IV B (Hong Kong).—Silvio Souza.

Class III A & B (Hong Kong).—J. A. Remedios, Carlos Botelho, Luis Ribeiro, Horacio Ozorio, and Leonel Rozario.

Junior Examination (University).—Associacao Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos' Scholarship won by Gustavo Remedios.

Woo Hay Tong Scholarship holders are:—

Eight tenable in Class One for one year.—Liao Shih-yuan, John Yan Si-chiu, Lam Ying-sui, Woo Pak-foo, N. Van Nghi, Kwok Ku-chang, Woo Pak-yeung, and J. Wong Qwing-tong.

Eight tenable for 2 years in Classes 2 and 1.—Lim Thiam-sui, Ralph Poon, Fr. Rozario, George Lenz, D. S. Wong, C. K. Wong, Leung Lun-kwan, and G. Remedios.

Eight tenable for 3 years in Classes 3, 2 and 1.—Cecil Wing Lee, Ho Siew-lai, Chau Di-Cheung, Lau Wing-kwong, Wong Hock-tsang, A. Cordeiro, Wong Sui, and G. Chow Sing-yip.

In addition to the above, awarded on the results of the Annual Examination, Mr. Woo Hay Tong nominated the following students, making 30 in all. (Fees to the amount of $60 a year are remitted to the holders of the Woo Hay Tong Scholarships).—Choy Kam-Yuen, Choy Kam-wai, Tsang Tuan-ming, Choi Ching-him, Choi Ching-kuen, and Li Loen-kun.

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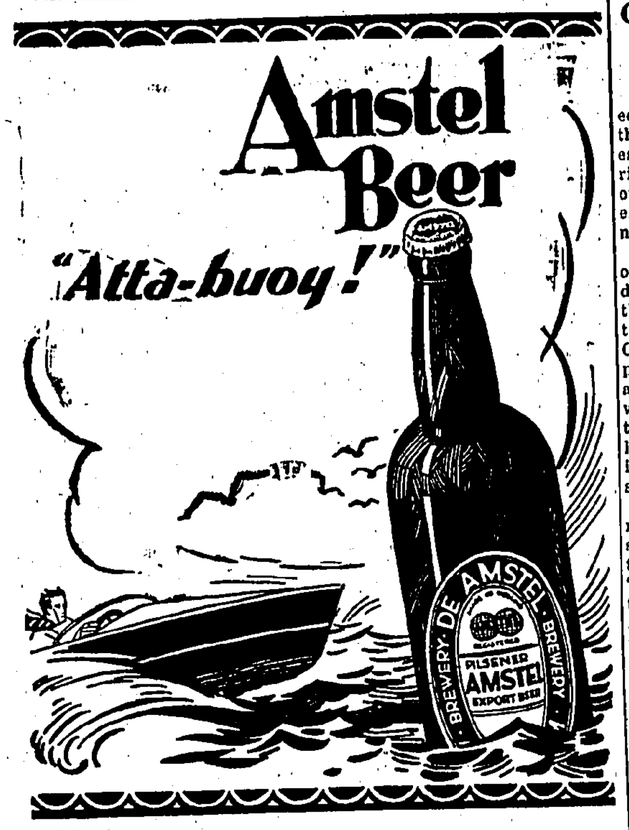

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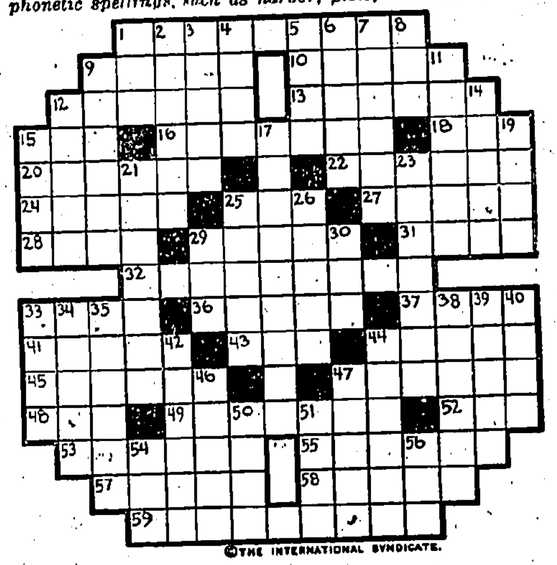
DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL
1-Description
6-Worth
10-Make fast
12-Extreme dearth
13-Censured
15-The sun
16-Nuns
18-Took precedence
20-Nations of uncivilized people
22-Skillful (Scot.)
24-Fertile spots in desert
25-Members of legal profession, collectively
27-Higher up
28-"Yes" votes
29-Trivial
31-Water jug
32-Feeling greater thirst
33-Agitate
36-Drugged
37-Metal
41-Esteem
43-To be drowsy
44-Elevate

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
45-Reply
47-Writing instrument
48-Obtain
49-Firearm (pl.)
52-Norse goddess of death
53-Replenish
55-More conceited
57-Latin for "pine-cone"
58-One who brings to a finish
59-Sinful

VERTICAL
1-Brief treatise (abbr.)
2-Oily fruit (pl.)
3-Runic letters
4-Golf mounds
5-Word signifying "father"
6-Shouts
7-American territory
8-Book of Bible (abbr.)
9-Traveling-bag
11-Jaundiced

VERTICAL (Cont.)
12-Plunder
14-Penetrate
15-Portico
17-Army ship
19-One who colors
21-Scatter
23-Pertaining to ancient Iberia
25-Title of nobility
26-Classed
29-Invite
30-Cover
33-Roughen
34-One who harmonizes
35-Part of the foot
38-Having greater wealth
39-Willow
40-One of Dickens' heroines
42-Complain
44-Dwell
46-One who irritates
47-Vegetable growth
50-Russian
51-Above
54-Short for fivepence
56-Boy's name (short)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
Taimoshan	3124
Mainland.	**Feet.**
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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Although it is generally conceded that Mrs. Eddy, the Founder of the Christian Science, did more to establish mental healing in America and Great Britain than any other person, since her death eighteen years ago its practice has not kept abreast of the times.

It is only recently that adequate organised facilities have been developed for publicly presenting the subject in a way that can prove to the scientific world that genuine Christian Science has a legitimate place in the development of therapeutics. Not only is it in no way antagonistic to medical practice, but on the contrary, when its legitimate ministry is understood, it is seen to be the physician's strongest ally.

It should be noted that the much misunderstood and often ridiculed statements of Christian Science that "all is infinite Mind" and that "Matter is unreal" were made by the Founder of Christian Science at a time when Darwin's theory of material evolution was beginning to dominate scientific thought. But the experiments and discoveries of physical science during the past forty years have completely revolutionised the scientific world's conception of "matter."

Definition of Matter

The work of Millikan, Stainmetz, Kellogg, Michelson, and others in America, and Eddington, Lodge, Bragg, Haldane, Sullivan, Einstein, and many others abroad, have brought the world to the place where it is recognised that "matter," the entire perceptible universe, including of course the human body, is in the final analysis composed of particles of positive and negative electricity termed "dematerialised energy."

And even before our mental processes are so readjusted as to enable us to grasp clearly this new conception, there comes an even more startling announcement from the Bell Experimental Laboratories the leading research scientists of in New York. In effect, they have corroborated the Christian Science viewpoint that life is unexplainable in material terms. Their recently published conclusions also support the findings of leading biologists and physicists that the ultimate division of the life-energy in every cell of our bodily structure is not explainable in terms of physics, but is of meta-physical origin, transmitted from a common supreme source. What can this source be but the all-sustaining intelligence of the universe, whether it be called "God" or something else?

The medical world now recognises that the mind of the patient has a vital relation to the health of his body, and psycho-therapy has developed an important place in medical practice. The Christian Scientist and the doctor agree that remarkable cures are attributable to faith.

Mental Forces

The practitioners of the minority movement in Christian Science recognise that the mental forces which determine the outcome of every individual case are:—First, the individual hopes, fears, personal characteristics, and beliefs of the patient—and second, the mental influence of the mass, the "common consent" operating in the various circles with which the patient is identified, including family, race, church, and nation, together with those convictions shared by the world at large, such as a conviction of incapacity at a certain age, and of the necessity of death. While the early stages of Christian Science practice was largely successful in handling direct individual fears and their physical effects, it is in supplementing that essential work by the removal of those fears and limiting conclusions which reach the patient through the more extended circles—beyond his conscious recognition, at times—in which the advancing Christian Science movement is giving its greatest service.

Practically every physician today, whatever may be his religious convictions, in some measure utilises the element of faith in connection with his medical practice. And the more thoughtful medical practitioner knows that something more is needed than the uncertain processes of "suggestion," or the coldly intellectual applications of psychology, based on the action of the conscious and sub-conscious mind.

A Higher Idealism

The inspiration born of a higher idealism and founded upon a conviction that God is neither a changeable and vengeful personality nor a metaphysical abstraction, but an actual and "ever-present help in time of trouble," lifts both the human mind and heart to a higher plane of hope and faith than can any other mental process. This method is broadly called "spiritual healing," and when applied with scientific understanding of the mental laws involved and in the truest Christian spirit, is capable of producing remarkable results in the shortest space of time.

But there can never be a cut and dried formula for its application. Every patient presents a new combination of mental conditions, different personal characteristics, different thought processes, and different environment. It requires the conscientious service of a new type of specialist, intelligently devoted to the study of mental cause and effect from the standpoint of sympathetic human experience.

Research and Experiment

Upon the medical fraternity repose the hope and faith of the majority of mank'nd for healing. Through research and experiment it has evolved certain systematised conclusions that are accepted by common consent, and depended upon by the world at large. Back of the confidence inspired by the individual physician lies the greater power conferred on him by the common consent of the majority of mankind in whatever means and methods he employs. This mental element of confidence generates enormous mental power, the benefits and larger possibilities of which have not begun to be understood, even by the medical world itself, notwithstanding that it is daily increasing the potency of the medical system.

If the spiritual stimulus of Christian Science, presented and applied in a way that appeals to the reason and intelligence of the patient, is joined to the confidence now reposed in the medical method of the physician, new impetus will be given to the practice of healing, and new hope to the world for deliverance from its ills.

As an illustration of what may be accomplished by this co-operation, let us consider the treatment of cancer. Sir Berkeley Moynihan, speaking recently in behalf of the British Empire cancer control campaign before the Royal Society of Medicine in London, said:

"The King of Terrors"

"The fear of cancer is the king of terrors. We must drive away the fear and replace it with the knowledge of truth, for people are only afraid of the things they don't understand. If we tell the people the truth—that it is not cancer they need fear, but the dread of cancer—the truth will set them free."

While the doctor administers whatever treatment he feels is best adapted to the case, thus assuring the patient that all the help obtained through medical research is being utilised in his behalf, the Christian Science practitioner concerns himself with the wholly mental aspects of the situation.

A recognition of the therapeutic possibilities of medical and surgical practice supplemented by a truly Christian mental method is becoming a matter of constant sympathetic public comment. A few weeks ago, when addressing the Convention of the National Education Association in Chicago, Dr. Charles H. Mayo, the distinguished head of the Mayo Clinic, said:

Religion Has a Place

"Religion, despite assertions to the contrary, has a place in the practice of medicine. . . . Only persons who have been educated beyond their intelligence underrate the value of religion as the universal comforter in times of physical stress."

The Protestant Episcopal Church Convention recently held in Washington, representing millions of communicants, officially adopted a resolution in support of "Christian healing in co-operation with medical science and practice," and pledged its clergy "to awaken men to the truth of spiritual healing." The committee which after three years' study and deliberation unanimously presented this significant resolution, included three nationally known physicians.

Life's deepest significance can be discerned only by the biologist and physician who is also in some measure a Christian metaphysician. Such a one delves beneath the visible manifestations of dis-

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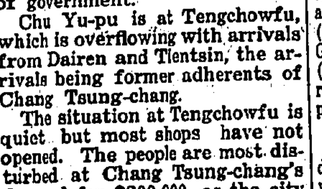

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SHANTUNG'S WAR

WHAT THE NORTHERNERS ARE DOING

"REAL 1911 REVOLUTION"

Chefoo, Yesterday.

A foreign despatch from Tengchowfu dated March 7 states that Chang Tsung-chang arrived there on Feb. 23 and remained ever since.

Ataman Seminoff (the "White" Russian) is not with Chang Tsung-chang but is still at Dairen.

The report adds that a number of Russian troops and officers are at Tengchowfu, 300 of them passing through to the front. It goes on to say that Chang Tsung-chang is insistent that there will not be any fighting, as negotiations with the Nationalist General, Liu Chen-nien, are practically completed whereby the latter's forces will march westward against the Nationalist cause at large.

Still "Squeezing"

It is claimed that this opening move will consolidate the disaffected elements of the North against Nanking, the object being to re-establish the real revolution of 1911 and the Two-Party system of government.

Chu Yu-pu is at Tengchowfu, which is overflowing with arrivals from Dairen and Tientsin, the arrivals being former adherents of Chang Tsung-chang.

The situation at Tengchowfu is quiet but most shops have not opened. The people are most disturbed at Chang Tsung-chang's demand for $200,000, as the city was recently mulcted of $150,000 by outgoing Nationalist troops.—Reuter.

THE CHINA "CRISIS"

HUNAN INCIDENT IS NOW SETTLED

COMMISSION'S REPORT

Nanking, Yesterday.

It is reliably stated that the Central Political Council, after discussing the joint report on the Hunan issue by Marshal Li Chai-sum, Mr. Tsai Yuan-pei and General Ho Ying-ching, has reached a settlement.

Marshal Li Chai-sum arrived this morning, and immediately called on Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, presumably to discuss the Hunan situation.

Li Chai-sum and his staff are making preparations to stay here until the Kuomintang congress is over.

Three Responsible

Although up to late this afternoon no official information was obtainable with regard to the Central Political Council meeting this morning, it is reliably learned that the Hunan issue was discussed and satisfactorily settled.

The joint report mentioned earlier was submitted to the meeting. The report stated that Li Tsung-jen was not connected with the movement to oust Lu Ti-ping and added that Chang Hua-fu (chief of staff to the 4th Army Group), General Hu Tsung-tu (commander of the Hankow Garrison) "and one other" were responsible for the trouble in Hunan.

Branch Councils to Go

The Central Political Council decided that the latter, all of whom are members of the Wu-Han Political Council, shall be dismissed.

As both the Kwangsi and Nanking cliques are represented on the committee of investigation, it is believed the above decision will be peaceably received, thus setting the rumours of war at rest.

The Central Political Council has decided that all the branch Councils shall be abolished before the commencement of the Kuomintang congress.

It has also approved of a proposal that China shall borrow money from foreign capitalists for the development of industry.—Reuter.

The Instituto Patxot of Catalonia, Spain, has opened a competition and is awarding a prize of £1,000 for the best work on the influence of International Law and contemporary international institutions on International Public Law. The competition closes on Dec. 31, 1930.

The Hamburg-American liner "Resolute" was due at Penang on March 4 with 500 American sightseers aboard. The next stop will be Singapore and then on to Hong Kong and Shanghai.

Lord Derwent, who has been seriously ill at his residence, Hackness Hall, Scarborough, is recovering.

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LIFE OF TYRES

EFFECT OF NEW CONDITIONS

A matter of paramount interest to the present-day motorist is the question of tyre mileages.

The purchase of covers and tubes is a recurring expenditure as in the case of oil, petrol, excise taxation and insurance. Is it not logical, therefore, that the tyre cost-per-mile is as important as the miles-per-gallon of petrol and oil?

"How many thousands from your tyres," is a question asked in offices and golf-houses; in fact everywhere the motorist is found. The blase youth with his super-tuned sports car complains that his tyres mileage compares very unfavourably with the man next door who runs a general utility car and "potters" down to the office.

Why this difference?

It must be agreed that the sports car is able to maintain a higher average speed than the touring car, and naturally, it is driven to capacity, for the lure of rapid acceleration and "all-out" speed are reasons for the purchase of a sports car. It is estimated that the average speed on the open road is at least 10-15 miles faster than it was three years ago. There is no doubt that this increase in average speed has resulted in a reduction of the average tyre mileage.

Another factor which influences tyre wear is starting and stopping. With the increased number of vehicles on the road, congestion is such in cities and towns that stopping and starting occur more frequently than before. Linked up with this factor is the question of four-wheel brakes. Most present-day cars are fitted with very efficient braking systems on all wheels. Consequently the car is brought to rest more quickly than with two-wheel brakes, which tend to grind away the tread rubber much quicker.

This is, more or less, the broad outline of the effect of new conditions of use on tyre equipment. It must be conceded, however, that the present-day pneumatic tyre can give double the mileage yielded by the pre-war product at a very much reduced cost.

Other factors, such as the correct alignment of wheels and correct inflation pressures, are all-important points if maximum tyre service is to be obtained. One of the most promising developments to-day in the garage business is the opening of free service departments to give advice and attention to the small matters of tyre maintenance which make all the difference between poor and good mileages.

Also, the majority of leading tyre manufacturers are very glad to give helpful advice on the subjects of tyre usage and mileages.

ROADSIDE RESOURCE

It was a foggy morning in November and two young men, motoring from Huddersfield to keep a business appointment in Liverpool, soon realised that they would be late arrivals. Driving carefully, they approached Warrington, when a large motor-lorry which they were following suddenly stopped without warning and their car bumped into it, crumpling the radiator. Uninjured, our heroes surveyed the damage, which was such that one hurried to the nearest railway station and proceeded by train, leaving the unfortunate driver to garage the car and follow by a later train.

Imagine the amazement of the deserter when his companion appeared at their destination within five minutes of his own arrival.

"How did you get here?" he asked.

"In the car."

"But the radiator could not possibly have been repaired."

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DRIVING WISDOM

POINTS THAT MARK IT

Be good to your car, and, indirectly, you will be good to yourself. This means three things: Law observance, courtesy, and consideration for your car. Everybody swears that they give hand signals with religious scrupulousness, but there are many times when these are entirely forgotten in the stress of other things at the corner. And such signals most of them are, too! If the engine ran as raggedly as the signals are given, we should all be pedestrians by preference. Cars are usually overtaken and passed on the left-hand side, and this performance, which sometimes causes considerable inconvenience, is often fraught with danger; further, it is illegal and discourteous. When you come to a busy intersection, give the other fellow a chance; don't suddenly slow down and force the driver behind you to ride his brakes to prevent him from mixing his radiator with your spare tyre. If you have to slow up after passing a car, you shouldn't have passed it.

When there is a delay in traffic ahead, and a line of cars has formed, consider the delay as unavoidable, and don't hold down the horn button. It does nothing but tend to unnerve the driver in front or behind.

The useful work your engine does when driving on a level road is to overcome mechanical friction and wind resistance. Both these factors increase very rapidly as you increase your speed, which indicates that the slower you go the less petrol will be used per mile travelled. However, at slow engine speeds the efficiency of the engine is not as great as at high speeds. There is, therefore, a best speed of between 25 and 30 miles an hour, at which most mileage to the gallon will be obtained.

Driving with the hand throttle on long, level stretches is also conducive to good mileage, as it allows the engine to operate more uniformly than when your foot, responding to every slight jar, moves the throttle. If you do 35 miles an hour or more whenever you can, you will enjoy an increase in petrol consumption of some miles to the gallon. By consistently driving at between 25 and 30, you will be surprised to find that you can reach your destination in almost the same driving time as that in which you would have arrived had you "stepped on it" for inconsistent short bursts of speed.

BALLOON TYRES

HOW TO APPLY PATCHES

Driving a balloon tyre flat is ruinous to the shoe. This is because of two conditions — the walls of the oversize tyre are half as thick as the normal tyre, and consequently offer half the resistance to rim cutting; and, further, the small rim used for the tyre is more penetrating than the larger diameter is, so that in the lopsided condition caused by a deflated tyre there is a grinding action of the shoe between the rim an the road. Apart from the distorted condition of a car with a deflated balloon tyre, the traction and steering are difficult, even if the tyre is removed to allow running on the rim.

For these reasons every user of a balloon tyre equipped car should carry and know how to apply patches, making the repairs at the roadside when necessary. Preferably, a small vulcaniser should be used in patching, as the patches are subjected to much flexing. Cold patches are more or less uncertain; blow-out patches to place inside the shoe are required. They should be of ample size to go in under the tyre bead.

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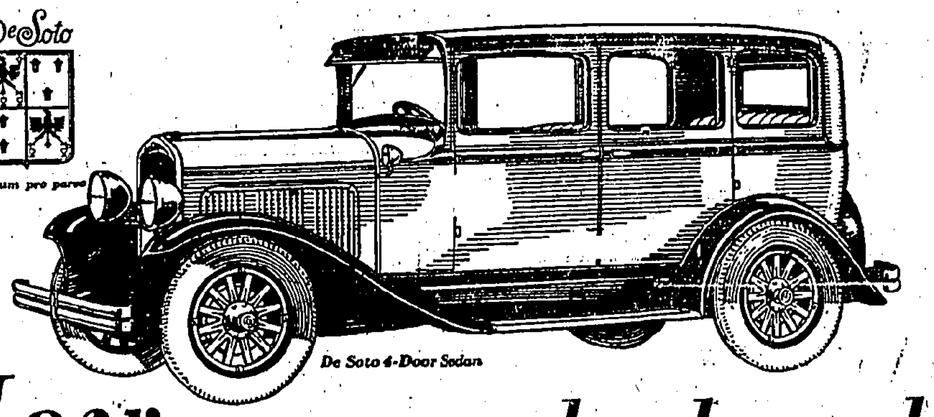

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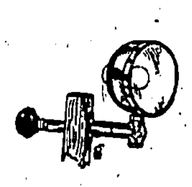

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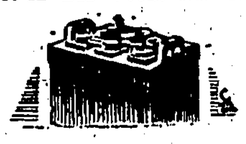

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CURIOUS CONTRASTS

RAILWAYS VERSUS ROADS IN DOMINIONS

Railway constructional development with us has practically reached the limit, and no large programme is likely in the future, though other questions now have to be faced. At the moment the most interesting of these is how the railways and the road transport companies can work out some common economic system of existence suited to the needs, and yet not wastefully indulgent to the fads, of the public.

In contrast with such conditions, are those which exist in some of our Overseas Dominions, in which perforce railways have had to be built by the Government, and where now the authorities are being driven into providing roads over which private parties carry traffic to the detriment of such systems. Several of these contrasts were dealt with in an interesting paper read by Brigadier-General F. D. Hammond, D.S.O., before the Institute of Transport in London.

One of the curious contrasts to which General Hammond draws atention is the fact that though this country is the home of private enterprise in the railway field, the State systems in the Empire have a mileage five times as great as the company-owned railways. In a way this may be said to be to our credit, and to afford another example of the adaptability of our race and methods, which has contributed to our success in so many different parts. As already pointed out our conditions here are not paralleled elsewhere in the Empire and in many instances development would have been absolutely impossible unless Government pioneering work had been inaugurated. Work of this kind has been essential for instance in Africa. It has also enabled something more than the fringe of Australia to be developed, though that country, more perhaps than any other, has afforded examples of the unwisdom frequently accompanying State management.

The most important question all the Empire over at the present time is the proper co-ordination of motor and rail transport. This problem varies with every case, and the solution which may be reached here must differ essentially from that demanded by newer countries. In the latter, the railway will usually form a trunk line of communication and motor transport will extend the area served, from a strip of from 10 miles to 20 miles on either side, to something more like 50 miles to 70 miles on each side. The problem of how to deal effectively with the areas beyond rests, in General Hammond's opinion, on the possibility of devising larger working units capable of operating over earth roads. In scrutinising the possibilities of reducing road costs, General Hammond considers the only means of lowering transport charges to lie in a greater tonnage per unit. Fuel economy assists, but even if the most favourable expectations were realised, they would not make possible reductions, in charges which would render feasible the extension of services to areas beyond those suggested above. The economic limiting charge of about 1s. per ton-mile in Africa needs to be reduced to something like 6d. before motor transport can spread its net wider in collecting traffic for a trunk railway. If such a reduction were practicable, General Hammond considers the strips saved might easily represent total widths of 200 miles or so, worked by rail and large motor units, beyond which again might work smaller types of motor of even native transport In Africa, at least, most of the traffic is moved in the dry season, so that although only earth roads may be possible, the conditions are not unreasonable, but the provision of suitable transport units is still lacking. In this matter, it is pointed out that the Americans, who can practise at home with their machines, have developed more powerful tractors than we have, and General Hammond concluded his paper by expressing the hope that we may not lose to them the possible markets for such machines within the Empire—with which we heartily concur.—"Engineering."

U.S. OUTPUT

OUTSTANDING FACTOR IN PROSPERITY

The automobile industry was one of the outstanding factors in the prosperity of America in 1928. Beginning the year in an attempt to overcome the drastic slump which occurred in the latter half of 1927, the industry has forged ahead month after month, not only eclipsing the production figures of 1927, but even exceeding by a margin of 150,000 units the record total established in 1926. The estimated output for the twelve months is 4,450,000 units, as against 3,400.000 in 1927, and 4,300,000 in 1926.

The year was characterised by Ford's gradual return to a mass production basis with the new "Model A"; by mergers of some of the independent producers; by intense competition in practically all lines, but more especially the low-priced cars; and by some price reductions, although in general each producer tried to outdo the others by improvements in performance, appearance, and extra equipment at the old range of prices. The recent growth in exports, however, constitutes the most significant feature of the automobile situation. Automotive exports in October passed the fifty-million-dollar mark for the first time in the history of the industry, the exact figure being $50,737,063. This represents an increase of 49 per cent. over the previous month, and of 72 per cent. over the corresponding month last year. The immediate outlook for the industry as a whole is bright, sales of cars being stimulated by an attractive display of new models at reasonable prices.

TRAFFIC EDUCATION

GOOD HINT COMES FROM JAVA

The Head of the Educational Department for the Dutch East Indies, in collaboration with the Committee of School masters, has worked out a scheme for dealing with the education of school children in regard to traffic in the Dutch Indies. The report concludes with the following resolutions:

The ever-increasing fast traffic necessitates the taking of every precaution to protect the school children against the dangers of traffic.

It will be the task of the school masters to impress upon their pupils the traffic dangers and to teach them traffic regulations for diminishing the dangers. It is also very desirable that pupils should receive regular exercises regarding the application of the traffic regulations.

To introduce compulsory tuition regarding traffic regulations into the preparatory schools (one-quarter or half an hour every fortnight).

This traffic education will not only be introduced in schools in big towns, but in all districts where there is danger from fast traffic.

The educational department will take in hand the composition of simple booklets and designs of wall cards dealing with traffic regulations.

Where necessary, the school authorities will support the traffic regulations by erecting temporary or permanent danger signals near the schools.

No doubt these compulsory measures will lead to a reduction of accidents to which school children especially have been exposed in Java during the past two years.

FOR THE AMATEUR

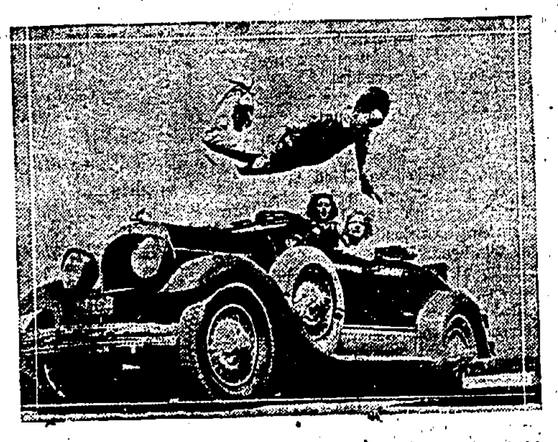
WHEN OVERHAULING THE CAR

One of the most important things to be observed by the amateur in overhauling his car is cleanliness. If possible, see that the car is thoroughly washed, underneath and elsewhere, before starting the job. Dirty, slimy parts, or parts caked with old grease and mud, are not conducive to one's best efforts, tending to sloppy work. If the car is reasonably clean to start with, the work is easier to get at, and there is less danger of getting one's eyes filled with dirt when working underneath. It is well to provide for thoroughly cleaning parts before doing anything else. Provide two or three good-sized receptacles for petrol, and don't be afraid to use it. A few cut-down kerosene tins are good equipment for this purpose. It is well to keep one of these for cleaning small parts which do not come in contact with sand and dirt, as it can readily be seen that it would not be good practice to wash carburettor parts, for instance, in the same petrol that had just been used for cleaning a steering knuckle. Change the petrol when it gets very dirty. Petrol costs less than parts, and a little grit in a valve guide may cost more in the end than would buy many gallons of spirit.

It is a good idea to wash engine parts as they are taken off in taking down the engine. Include everything—nuts, bolts, washers, and screws, as well as the parts themselves. Have a few cigar boxes, as well as larger boxes, at hand when taking off each assembly from the engine, and put small parts in one of them as they come off. When the box is full, or when the particular unit is dismantled, wash everything thoroughly in petrol and put these parts in a clean box. In this way, when you go to make adjustments or replacements, or when you are ready to reassemble your engine you will have good, clean parts to work with; there will be no grit or abrasive matter to get into other parts and possibly make trouble, as you will avoid the annoyance of having to stop and clean parts when you are ready to adjust or replace.

Mark All Parts

After you have had your engine down a few times you may be familiar with it, so that such extreme care is not necessary, but before you get thoroughly acquainted with your motor it is wise to keep each assembly in a separate box. All manifolds and their gaskets and connections, as well as the cap screws, etc., belonging to them, should be kept together. Valve push rods, valve lifters, valve spring, etc., should be in another box and so forth.



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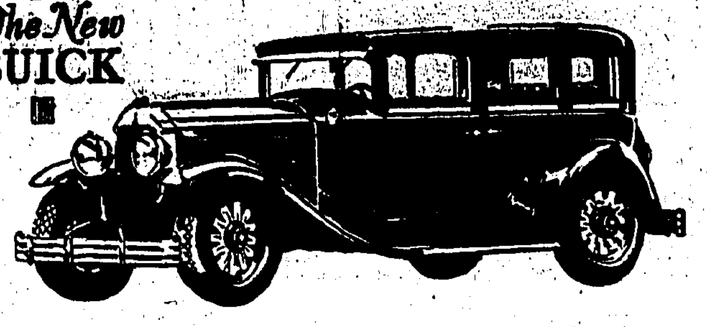

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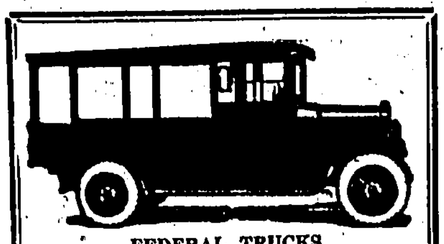

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It is hereby notified that on and after 15th March the rates for radio telegrams from Hong Kong to the undermentioned places in the Kwangtung provinces (except Canton) will be as follows:—

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
THURSDAY, MARCH 14.	
Shanghai and Amoy	Hupeh
FRIDAY, MARCH 15.	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia, London, 18th—22nd Feb.	Khiva
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, 14th Feb. and parcels, 7th Feb.)	Naldera
SATURDAY, MARCH 16.	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia, London, 23rd Feb.	President Jefferson
Shanghai and Swatow	Ichang
SUNDAY, MARCH 17.	
Manila	Empress of Asia
Straits	Fooksang

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
THURSDAY, MARCH 14.		
Straits	Amazon Maru	3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Borneo	4.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	4.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia, & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 26th March. Parcels (Mar. 14) 5 p.m. Registration (Mar. 15) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Mar. 15) 10.30 a.m.	Taiping	
FRIDAY, MARCH 15.		
Haiphong	Song Bo	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Noon.
Japan	Naldera	5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.	Naldera	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Marques, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th Apr. K.P.O. Parcels (Mar. 15) 4.30 p.m. Registration (Mar. 16) 9 a.m. Letters (Mar. 16) 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels (Mar. 15) 5 p.m. Registration (Mar. 16) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Mar. 16) 10.30 a.m.	Khiva	
SATURDAY, MARCH 16.		
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.	Hosang	
*Manila and Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Havenstein	3.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

HOME-POST FOR CEYLON OFFICIAL

MR. F. STOCKDALE

DOMINIONS' SECRETARY MAKES STATEMENT IN COMMONS

AN ADVISORY COUNCIL

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Ramsden, with reference to the recommendations of the Lovat Committee on Agricultural organisation and services to the non-selfgoverning Colonies, Mr. L. S. M. Amery, Dominions' Secretary, said that Mr. Frank Stockdale had been appointed Assistant Agricultural Adviser and had assumed duty on March 1. The post of Chief Agricultural Adviser was temporarily left unfilled. Mr. Amery said that he was taking steps to constitute the proposed Advisory Council and that twenty-one out the twenty-six Dependencies had agreed to contribute towards the cost of the Council. The other five had not yet been finally decided.—Reuter.

[Mr. Frank Stockdale, C.B.E., had been Director of Agriculture and Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Ceylon, since 1916, and a member of the Ceylon Legislative Council since 1921.]

MADRID RIOTS

"SERENADE" OF A THOUSAND STUDENTS

WINDOW-SMASHING

Paris, Yesterday.

Newspapers here are receiving details by telephone of the Madrid disturbances. It appears that two thousand students serenaded the Ministry of Instruction with satirical lyrics against the Minister, and then proceeded to newspaper offices and smashed the windows.

The police charged the crowd with drawn swords, and fired their revolvers, the students replying with volleys of stones.

Riots recurred in the evening, and panic-stricken crowds took refuge in cafes and shops, the windows of which were afterwards smashed to smithereens.

The student who was shot is a nephew of the ex-Minister, Count Bugallal, also of Colonel Marcossi, who was sentenced to death and then pardoned in connection with the conspiracy of 1926.

Four hundred students have also gone on strike in Barcelona.

Genesis of the Trouble

Later.

The students' disturbances are closely connected with the quarrel between the Government and the Artillery as the cadets have been disbanded without provision being made for some five hundred youths, whose military careers have thus suddenly ended. This has upset the prospective members in the already over-crowded professions, who had passed examinations far stiffer than the examinations passed by the cadets which, it is feared, will be held valid for civilian careers.

Agritation Subsiding

The Government announces that the student agitation is subsiding and that the situation is tending towards normal.—Reuter.

MINISTER'S VIEW

SITUATION IN CHINA IS "REBELLIOUS"

SIR AUSTEN'S STATEMENT

London, Yesterday.

Asked to state the present position in China, Sir Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Secretary) said that Sir Miles Lampson (British Minister at Peking) reports that the situation is at present rebellious.

In Shantung province, Chang Tsung-chang has been re-inforced by the revolt to him of several thousands of ex-Northern troops who had been incorporated in the forces of the National Government but no serious fighting has taken place.

Fighting took place at Changsha in the last week of February when a General belonging to the Kwangsi group was forcibly displaced by one of his colleagues. As the ousted General was a nominee of Nanking, the incident gave rise to rumours of an impending recrudescence of civil war.

Effect of Congress

According to the latest report from the British Consul-General at Shanghai, the situation appears to be easier and General Li Tsung-jen (one of the heads of the Kwangsi group), who is at present in hospital in that town, has published a statement declaring his allegiance to the National Government and stating that the Changsha affair is of local significance only.

The position may become clearer after the meeting of the Party Congress of the Kuomintang, which is due to open at Nanking on March 15.—British Wireless Service.

[Other cables on the subject will be found on page 11 under "The China Crisis".]

GENERAL SHOT

Mexico City, Yesterday.

The rebel General Simon Aguirre has been court-martialled and shot. —Reuter's American Service.

The Postmaster-General hopes that the laying of the submarine telephone cable between the Isle of Man and the mainland will be completed in July.

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GEN. NOBILE TAKES ACTION

SEQUEL TO INQUIRY

RESIGNS MILITARY RANK & AIR MINISTRY POST

WILL VINDICATE HIMSELF

Rome, Yesterday.

It is officially announced that General Nobile, the leader of last year's ill-fated Polar expedition, has resigned his rank of general and his post in the Air Ministry.

Later.

Nobile states that he has resigned in order to be a free citizen, and thus be able to vindicate himself as he has not accepted the conclusions of the Commission of Inquiry. —Reuter.

THREE EVILS

OPIUM, GAMBLING, AND LIKIN

CANTON v. MACAO

A correspondent writes from Canton on March 12:—

It is a pity that while there is an agitation for the retrocession of Macao, the publication of the statement of Provincial accounts for the month of February by Mr. Fung Chok-man, National Revenue Controlling Officer, and concurrently Commissioner of Finance, brings out the fact that the Provincial Government is in receipt of a large sum of money out of gambling and opium. For example, during the month of February the income from opium is put at $564,822.90 and from gambling $888,670.08. These amounts are far and away above the money earned by the Macao Government from the same evils. It is truly remarkable that the authorities have done very little all this time to get rid of these two unsavoury forms of revenues.

Another unpleasant feature in the statement of accounts for February is the revenue from Likin. All Likin taxation was to have been abolished in China from February 1 and yet we find that during this month the Provincial Government received $796,455.22 under this head.

Another thing which the public has always compained about is the so-called stamp tax. In addition to statements of accounts, all account books and rent books must be stamped. A large number of minor officers employed in the supervision of this tax go around from establishment to establishment in the hope of discovering some documents or books on which revenue stamps had not been affixed. Woe befall the person who, through some oversight or another, has failed to stamp any document or account book. During the month of February the revenue from the stamp tax amounted to $429,022.14.

Under expeiditure we find that military expenses for the month totalled $3,894,776.99. Whereas the expenses in connection with the civil administration reach only $1,064,255.24. After making provision for various items, we find that during February only $95,639.92 was remitted to the Central Government. No wonder the latter finds it so hard to carry on, for, presumably, the same condition prevails in nearly every other province. As we have already said, it is a pity that the agitators in Kwangtung, instead of pressing for an early improvement in the state of affairs in the province, should be wasting their time in agitating for the abolition of the so-called "three evils" in Macao. It is that sort of thing that makes China the laughing-stock amongst nations.

The Provincial Government talks a lot from time to time concerning the necessity of putting an end to the gambling and opium evils. One committee after another has been appointed to handle this question, but so far nothing has ever been done to curb opium smoking and gambling. Opium comes in very freely from Kwangsi and Yunnan and is now so cheap that the meanest coolie can afford a "smoke." As for gambling, dens galore are operated on the other side of the river, i.e. at Fati, Fongtsuen, and Honam. Not only in Canton but all over the province the same situation prevails. In view of all these facts, it is no wonder that when agitators commence to talk of the "three evils" in Macao the Portuguese should retort, "Physician, heal thyself!"

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